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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA * 1:18-cr-192-JL

v. * December 6, 2019

* 8:11 a.m.

IMRAN ALRAI

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 $\frac{\texttt{EXCERPT TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL}}{\texttt{DAY FIVE}} \\ \texttt{BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOSEPH N. LAPLANTE}$

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3	WITNESS:	Direct	Cross	Redirect	Recross
4 5	JOHN MEYER	(Transcr	ibed unde	er separate	cover.)
6	AZIM MAZAGONWALLA	4	30		
7	CHRISTINE BOWRY	48			
8	JILL LAROE	53			
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                      PROCEEDINGS
              THE CLERK: The Court has before it for
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    consideration today day five of the bench trial in
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    criminal case 18-cr-192-01-JL, United States of America
    vs. Imran Alrai.
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              THE COURT: All right. The witness will
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    resume the stand, which he's doing right now.
              Sir, you're still under oath. Good morning.
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              Mr. Hunter, you may resume.
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              MR. HUNTER: Good morning, Mr. Meyer.
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              THE WITNESS: Good morning.
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              (Testimony of John Meyer transcribed under
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    separate cover.)
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              MR. DAVIS: The government calls Azim
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    Mazagonwalla.
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              THE CLERK: Good morning, sir. If you'd like
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    to step this way, please.
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              How are you this morning?
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              THE WITNESS: Good, thank you.
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              THE CLERK: If you could step into the witness
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    box and remain standing.
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              Please raise your right hand.
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              AZIM MAZAGONWALLA, having been first duly
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    sworn, testified as follows:
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              THE CLERK: For the record, please state your
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    full name and spell your last name.
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              THE WITNESS: Azim Mazagonwalla,
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    M-a-z-a-q-o-n-w-a-l-l-a.
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              THE CLERK: Please be seated.
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
    BY MR. DAVIS:
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         Q. Good morning, sir. Did you use to work at
    United Way?
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         A. That's correct.
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             And what was your position at United Way?
         Q.
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         Α.
             I was the senior director of accounting,
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    policy and treasury services.
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         Q.
             And what department were you in?
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         A. I was in the accounting -- accounting, finance
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    department.
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         Q. And how long were you there? What was your
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    term?
             I was there from December 2010 to almost
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         Α.
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    August 2017.
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             So 2010 to 2017?
         Q.
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         A. Yes.
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         Q.
             And --
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             End of 2010.
         Α.
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         Q. So did you know Imran Alrai at United Way?
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         Α.
             Yes, I did.
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- Q. All right. Could you summarize, please, briefly your professional background and experience before you got to United Way?
- A. Yes. I am a -- I am a CPA from Rhode Island.

 I got -- and I worked in public accounting for about six

 years and then went private nonprofit for another,

 eight, nine years now.
- Q. All right. Now, were you involved in Imran
 Alrai's hiring at United Way?
- 10 A. No, I was not.

- 12 Changes in IT at that time?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. And can you summarize from a general view, what was United Way trying to accomplish, as you understood it?
 - A. Yes, so -- so we were going through a process, the United Way was going through a process of having its IT services really built in-house. So we had a service provider who was doing all our software and moving away from that system to having a provider who will provide us most of our software that we would have to manage.
 - Q. And one of -- was one of the concerns cost, the cost that United Way was paying, say, at the beginning of 2012?

- 1 A. Yes, there was -- one of the issues was cost.
- Q. Yeah.

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- A. But the other issue was also just relying on a single provider.
- 5 Q. Okay. Do you remember the IT health 6 assessment that was done in 2012?
- 7 A. No, not -- not -- not in any sense of detail 8 except that something was done.
 - Q. Okay. And were you aware of whether that was recommended by the finance committee?
 - A. Not specifically, but I knew that such decision processes went through the finance committee.
- Q. Okay. And were you -- do you recall yourself
 ever reviewing an IT health assessment as a result of
 that?
- 16 A. No, not in -- not in detail, no.
- Q. Okay. But were you aware that Mr. Alrai made
 a presentation to the finance committee after the
 assessment?
- 20 A. Yes --
- 21 Q. All right.
- A. -- I was a part of the -- I was a part of the
 finance committee staff --
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. -- staffing on the financial --

- Q. Can you explain that? What's a finance committee and what was your role with it?
- A. So my role, when it came to accounting policy and treasury services. So I managed the investment side of it, the cash side of it, and also accounting policy. When policy changes, I had to come in front of the committee to get approvals.
- So I was there most and almost -- most or all of the finance committee meetings.
- 10 Q. Okay.

- 11 A. Integral to that part of the financial committee was an IT function --
 - Q. Okay.
 - A. -- and so Imran presented it.
- Q. Do you remember the -- the direction of the presentation that Mr. Alrai made to the finance committee after the health assessment?
 - A. Yes, and that was consistent with what we were thinking about, which was moving away from that, kind of building our own systems or United Way building its own systems to -- bringing out vendors that have multiple clients.
 - Q. Okay. All right. Now, were you aware at the very end of 2012 and beginning of 2013 of an RFP process that was geared toward hiring a single company to be a

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1 | managed IT services provider?
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- A. Yes. And just -- at that time, the start of the RFP process was more about what is the services that
- 5 Q. Okay. And were you involved in that 6 discussion?
- A. I was involved, yes, to a point where I was making sure that there were three bids that were received by the United Way --
- 10 Q. Okay.

we need.

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- 11 A. -- the three-bid process, the bid process was
 12 in place.
- Q. And why were you concerned about there being three bids?
- 15 A. Because it was a significant enough contract
 16 that in order to really test our processes, we would
 17 have to have three bids.
 - Q. Okay. And you talked about the beginning of it was really identifying the services needed. Were you -- did you know what -- what those services were that were identified?
- 22 A. No. No, I did not.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- A. No, I did not.
- 25 Q. And do you have an IT background that enables

- 1 you to review technical details in an IT contract, let's
 2 say?
 3 A. No, I don't.
 4 Q. You're more a finance guy?
 - A. I'm an all finance person.

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- Q. Okay. Now, were you actually assigned to be
 on a -- on a small team of United Way employees to -- to
 coordinate that RFP process when it happened?
 - A. No, not that I recollect, because I think it was more handled by the board -- by a board member and by Imran's team.
- 12 Q. Okay. And did you have a role in the RFP 13 process?
- A. No. I accepted that extent of basically
 saying that three proposals in here and that somebody is
 evaluating it to pick one of the three.
- Q. Okay. When you say a -- when you identify a board member, whom do you mean?
- 19 A. I -- Stan. Stan -- I forget his last name.
- Q. Do you mean Stan Burrows?
- 21 A. Stan Burrows, that's correct. Thank you.
- Q. He was not an actual member of the board, was he?
- A. No, he was a member of the finance committee.
- Q. And was he on an advisory IT committee?

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              Yes. Yes, he was the -- he was the finance
         Α.
    committee member assigned to the IT group.
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              But Stan Burrows was not a United Way
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    employee.
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         Α.
              Not a United Way employee, yes.
              He's a volunteer, right?
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         Q.
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         Α.
              That's correct. He's a volunteer.
              And his advisory committee was available to
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    advise about the RFP process --
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         Α.
              Correct.
               -- is that correct?
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         Q.
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         Α.
              Correct.
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         Q.
              Do you recall that?
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              Yes, I do.
         Α.
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              All right.
         Q.
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         Α.
              Yes.
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         Q.
               So and -- if I could call you Azim?
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              Yes, please do.
         Α.
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               So, Mr. Azim, if someone testified that there
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    was -- there were three people led by Imran Alrai, the
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    defendant --
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              Yes.
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              -- but also included Diane Dragoff --
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              Yes.
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         Q.
               -- from procurement --
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         Α.
              Yes.
              -- and you --
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         Q.
              -- from finance, would that be mistaken?
              That -- that would not be correct.
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         Α.
             Okay. Can you explain that?
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         Q.
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         Α.
              Because -- so -- so let's go one by one.
              Diane's role was more purchasing, so it was
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    more about making sure that the RFPs went out and then
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    came back in.
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              My role was to make sure that at least three
    came back in to evaluate.
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              Both of us did not have the technical capacity
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    to really understand the differences between each of
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    those proposals.
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         Q. Okay. What do you remember doing, actually
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    doing, in that process?
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              It's basically making sure that there were
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    three proposals --
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         Q.
             Okay.
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             -- in place.
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              But what did you do to make sure there were
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    three proposals?
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So I -- I remember looking at a report in

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    which there was a tabulation of the three proposals.
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             Okay. Was that the so-called summary document
    that showed the scoring as between DigitalNet and
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    mindSHIFT and EzeCastle?
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         Α.
              That would be appropriate, yes.
              Okay. You remember seeing that?
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         Q.
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         Α.
             Yes, I do.
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         Q.
             Okay.
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             Yeah.
         Α.
              So who wrote the RFP that went out from United
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         Q.
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    Way, as you recall it?
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         Α.
             It was Imran.
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             Mr. Alrai --
         Q.
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         A. Mr. Alrai.
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              -- right?
         Q.
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              And who sent it out to different vendors, as
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    far as you knew? Who was actually doing that?
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              I -- I do not know specifically who sent it
         Α.
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    out.
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         Q.
              All right. Did you do it?
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         Α.
              No, I did not send them out.
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         Q.
              Okay. And who received the RFP proposals that
    came back from vendors?
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              I do not know specifically who received that.
         Α.
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It would be either Diane or it would be Imran.

- Q. And did you receive them personally?

 A. No, I did not receive them personally.
- Q. All right. Now, did you yourself ever review any RFP proposals from outside vendors?
- 5 A. No, not on an individual level. On a summary 6 level, yes --
- 7 Q. All right.
- 8 A. -- to review summaries.
- 9 Q. So all you saw was the summary sheet; is that 10 correct?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. And who wrote that summary sheet?
- 13 | A. It was Imran, yeah.
- Q. Now, as you look back on it, was that the correct way to handle the RFP at United Way?
- 16 A. It was of a technical nature and so the only
 17 technical person qualified in that group would be
- 18 | Mr. Alrai. So --
- 19 Q. All right. But you didn't entirely answer my 20 question.
- 21 A. Yeah.
- 22 Q. As you look back on it now --
- A. Now, yeah.
- Q. -- was that the correct way to handle the RFP
- 25 | process?

- A. No. No. Because it -- you know, usually purchasing would do the tabulation. Diane would do the tabulation.
 - Q. So explain that. Why would purchasing do that as opposed to --
 - A. Because, you know, the process should be, you know, the technical person writes the RFP, gives it to the purchasing person, which would be Diane Dragoff; she sends it out, she collects it, and tabulates it based on the criteria that was given when the RFP was sent.
- 11 Q. Okay.

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- A. And once that gets tabulated, then it begins to get reviewed.
- Q. Okay. But in this case, at least it appears, those various functions were centralized in one person, correct?
- 17 A. Yes. Yeah.
- Q. And what you saw was a summary document at the end of it created by Mr. Alrai?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. Okay. Let me show you Exhibit 612.
- 22 A. Yeah.
- Q. Do you recognize this as an email from Patricia Latimore to you in February of 2013?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. And let's just go back to the next page.
- 4 A. Yeah.
- Q. So you can see that DigitalNet has provided information to Mr. Alrai about DigitalNet?
- 7 A. Yeah.
- 8 Q. And then going back to the beginning of the 9 page -- we don't have to go through all of it again --
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 12 | Q. -- the beginning of the page, can you read what Pat says at the top to you?
- A. Yeah. Yeah. "Attached are our files."
- Q. So what does she say?
- A. She's asking me to process an ACH payment, yeah.
- Q. Okay. And that she left the invoice with Dom for coding?
- 19 A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. So what -- why would you be asked to process the ACH tomorrow?
- A. So, I mean, I have -- so I had primary release
 of cash from United Way as part of my function. So when
 check -- when a check comes -- so let me just go through
 the process.

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When a check request comes, it goes through the accounting process, it goes to Domenic's office, the checks get generated. I review the final list and sign off on it, on Pat's signature, before they release it. When it comes to wires and ACH, I personally do that. Ο. Okay. There are very small numbers of them and in cases of this, what happens is because it's an ACH process, the control people -- the -- the process is always -- it's -- it goes through the purchasing process and it takes time before it gets kicked back and said, oh, it's an ACH process, it has to get finalized and finally go to Azim for release. But I want everybody to sign off. I'm just --I'm not approving anything. I'm just releasing the checks or releasing the cash. Q. Okay. Α. And this was -- that's what I was saying. Everything has been signed off, release the cash. Ο. So at the end of the RFP process --Α. Yeah. -- and the receiving information from Q. DigitalNet --Α. Yeah.

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              -- on February 28th of 2013, United Way is
         Q.
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    ready to release the process and start paying?
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              First, yes. First ACH, yes.
         Α.
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         Q.
              Okay.
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         Α.
              I think it's most likely this would be the
    first ACH.
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         Ο.
             Okay. And let me ask you about Exhibit 609,
    because you talked about the summary sheet.
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         Α.
              Yeah.
              I'm sorry, wrong exhibit, 608.
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         Q.
              MR. DAVIS: Can we see --
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         Α.
              Okay.
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              MR. DAVIS: -- attachments to that?
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              Yeah.
         Α.
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              Do you recall seeing the list of companies
         Q.
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    solicited from Mr. Alrai?
17
         Α.
              Yes, I -- I remember seeing documents.
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              And did you regard that as appropriate -- an
         Q.
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    appropriate number of companies to be solicited?
              Yeah, I -- we left a lot of this to Imran's
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    judgment, reason that I felt it was sufficient that we
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    were doing a big enough sweep.
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             Okay. And back to 609, let's look at that
         Q.
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    item.
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Α.

Yes. Yeah.

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              MR. DAVIS: Okay. And can you go flip through
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    it a little further, second page?
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              MS. SHEFF: I'm not on 609 yet.
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              MR. DAVIS: I'm sorry. Is there any
    attachment here to 609?
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              MS. SHEFF: No.
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              MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'm sorry, I'm looking for
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    the summary sheet.
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              Can we look at 607?
              All right. That's the actual RFP.
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         Q.
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         Α.
              Yeah.
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              MR. DAVIS: All right. I guess I'm not sure
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    where I missed it.
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              I'm sorry, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: No problem.
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              MR. DAVIS: It's actually part of -- it's part
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    of 610. There's a large number of attachments to 610.
    We were on it earlier.
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              Ms. Sheff, can you find the -- the document
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    that was presented as the summary sheet for 610?
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              Here we are.
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              THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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              Okay. We're looking at RFP selection
         Q.
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    criteria --
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         Α.
             Uh-huh.
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               -- and this is page 597 Bates stamp.
         Q.
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              And do you see the three companies summarized
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    here, mindSHIFT, DigitalNet, and EzeCastle?
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         Α.
               Yes.
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         Q.
              And is this the document you saw?
               It was a long time ago. I do not recollect.
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         Α.
7
    But yes, a similar document, something like that --
              All right?
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         0.
9
              -- in terms of this sheet.
         Α.
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               This is what you would have seen?
         Q.
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         Α.
              Correct.
12
              Okay. All right. Now, after DigitalNet is
         Q.
13
    brought on, were you aware that DigitalNet was a major
14
    IT services vendor for United Way?
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         Α.
              Yes.
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              And did you make observations about who was
         0.
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    the way to communicate with DigitalNet from United Way?
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              Now, can you ask me that question again?
         Α.
19
               I'm sorry.
         Q.
20
         Α.
              Yeah.
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         0.
               Who was the person at United Way that handled
22
    communications with DigitalNet?
23
              Mr. Alrai.
         Α.
24
              Sorry?
         Q.
25
         Α.
              Mr. Alrai. Imran was the --
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- Q. Okay. And what do you remember about that?
- A. That every time he had a question about invoices, the invoices always came through Imran.
 - Q. And were you --
 - A. That was one.

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- Q. Were you directed by Mr. Alrai that that's the way it was going to be or was -- did it just sort of go that way?
- 9 A. It just went that way. Yeah, it just went that way.
- 11 Q. And did you ever speak to anyone at DigitalNet other than the people at the help desk?
- A. Very, very rarely to the next level of communication with a gentleman, I think his name was Kal.
- 16 Q. All right.
 - A. I've never seen him, but sometimes when a technology issue got escalated more on the technology side rather than the administration side.
- 20 Q. Right. So you talked to Kal on the phone?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And, again --
- A. A couple of times in five -- in about six -
 five, six years that I was there when this contract was

 there, less than -- less than a handful of times.

- Q. Less than a half what?
- 2 A. Less than a handful of times.
- 3 Q. Handful. I see. Okay.

4 And did you speak to anyone at DigitalNet

- 5 | besides help desk employees and Kal?
- 6 A. No.

- 7 Q. Okay. Let me show you Exhibit 3 -- I'm sorry,
- 8 | Exhibit 624.
- 9 And do you see this is an email from Mr. Alrai
- 10 | in March of 2015 that copies you?
- 11 A. Yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay. So let's go to the -- let's go to the
- 13 | beginning of it on the next page. Okay. At the top of
- 14 | the page, do you see Sonia's note to Imran and Diane
- 15 | copying you?
- 16 A. Yeah.
- 17 Q. And can you read that note, please.
- 18 A. "I am working with Panera Bread with a credit
- 19 application submitted for catering services to our
- 20 office. Two of our references listed are not responding
- 21 | to provide our business relationship with our United
- 22 Way.
- "As you are the main contact with these
- 24 | accounts, can you please -- can you help with a call to
- 25 other vendors to call or respond to this request?

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              "I will appreciate your attention to this
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    matter."
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              Okay. So Sonia's asking Mr. Alrai and Diane
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    Dragoff to call two different vendors, right?
              Yeah, right.
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         Α.
              Right. And one of them is Diane Dragoff's
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         Q.
    vendor --
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              Mostly purchasing, right.
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         Α.
9
              -- and we don't know who that is, right?
         Q.
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         Α.
              Yeah.
11
              But who is the vendor that Mr. Alrai is being
         0.
12
    asked to call?
13
         Α.
              DigitalNet.
14
         Q. DigitalNet --
15
         Α.
              DigitalNet.
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         Q.
              -- right?
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              So let's go on. At the bottom of the first
18
    page now, how does Mr. Alrai respond to Sonia's email?
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              "I talked to Mohammad at DigitalNet and he
         Α.
    assured me that he will take care of -- it will be taken
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    care of today. They just received inquiry in the right
22
    department yesterday. It was sent to Nadeem originally,
    who isn't authorized to handle such matters."
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         Q.
              Okay.
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         Α.
              "In the future" --
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- Q. Okay. Nadeem, of course, was on the help desk, right?
 - A. Yeah, he was the help desk.
- Q. Okay. And so what does Mr. Alrai advise about the future?
 - A. And he's -- "In the future, please use the following contact, Mohammad Hassan," you know, his email address at info@digitalnet.us, and a phone number, 978-662-5333.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you, yourself, ever meet or 11 speak to Mohammad Hassan?
 - A. No, I did not.

- Q. Okay. So that's enough for that exhibit.
 - Now, Mr. Azim, did you notice in dealing with Mr. Alrai about IT projects -- and, particularly, small, little IT projects -- any -- any difficulties that you had?
 - A. I mean, there are small IT projects that were authorized and there were small, small -- it's -- and there were small goal organizations that we had that we went to him for consult on.
 - So there are two different ways looking at it.

 Yes, it comes to a contract, a project like a contracts

 project that was authorized and budgeted, he was

 extremely helpful and was very proactive in working with

- our teams. But when it came to smaller projects like the purchase order projects, he seemed to be slower in terms of operating.
 - Q. Okay. And what was Mr. Alrai's style in dealing with those non -- noncontracted-for, nonpaid-for smaller projects? What did you observe about how he would deal with that? Would he refuse to do it entirely?
 - A. No, no, no, he wouldn't refuse.
- 10 Q. What would he do?

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- 11 A. It just wasn't coming up to our -- those
 12 issues were never getting solved over a few months or
 13 a couple or -- or multiple months.
- Q. And what would Mr. Alrai say?
 - A. He wouldn't agree or disagree. It just -- you know, to get four people in a room together was, all right, with Mr. -- with Imran was -- took some time for us. Like, we wanted to do budgets on a piece and it just stretched out for a long time.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. But it wasn't -- it was just every -- just
 being busy about it and not being able to assign time to
 get it done.
- Q. Okay. Now, were you concerned about something called SOCI reports or S-O-C-I reports?

- 1 A. They're called SOC 1 reports, S-O-C 1 --
- 2 Q. Yeah, correct.
- 3 A. -- reports.
- Q. SOC 1 reports, can you explain to the Court what that is?
- A. So a SOC 1 report is a report on internal controls of a vendor.
- Q. All right. So it's a report not about United
 Way's internal controls, but about a vendor's --
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. -- internal controls?
- A. Because -- because when you outsource a lot of your business to an organization, you need to be -- you need -- before your auditor can give you a clean opinion, he knows that the person that you outsource this to has a controlled environment that the auditor can rely on.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- A. A very good example would be a payroll company.
- 21 Q. A payroll company.
- A. Because you are -- everybody now outsources to a payroll company. So if you cannot get a payroll company to give you a SOC 1 report, you will always fail your audit.

Q. Okay.

- 2 A. Okay.
- 3 Q. So you have to get the SOC 1 report from the 4 vendor, right?
- 5 A. From the vendors, the material vendors, yes.
- 6 Q. All right. And where does the SOC 1 report
- 7 go? Who receives it?
- 8 A. So we had to comply -- so it comes to the 9 organization that hired this vendor.
- 10 Q. The United Way.
- 11 A. United Way in this case, yes.
- 12 Q. And then where does it go from there?
- A. So it basically -- your auditor looks at this
 to make sure that your controls are in place for your
- 15 | material vendors.
- Q. Okay. So it actually is used by the auditor
- 17 of United Way --
- 18 A. Right.
- 19 Q. -- to make sure the vendor is --
- 20 A. The material vendor has controls, yes.
- 21 Q. Okay. Now, was there a particular employee,
- 22 | Amanda Roberts?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And did she work on the SOC 1 reports?
- 25 A. So she -- she used to work on the 990 -- so

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how the SOC -- how your -- how this thing comes to light
1
2
    is within your 990, your federal form that you fill out,
    you have material contracts, material vendors.
3
4
              So if you think of United Way's material
5
    vendors, you think about your payroll company, your
    health insurance company and, in our case, DigitalNet.
6
7
    So those were the --
8
              They were in the major contracts?
         0.
9
         Α.
              The major -- major vendors.
              Okay.
10
         Q.
11
              Right.
         Α.
12
         Q.
              So what did the SOC 1 have to do with the 990?
13
         Α.
              So now you've identified -- the 990 has helped
    you identify immediately who your material contracts
14
15
    are.
16
         Q.
              Okay.
17
              So then it's easier for Amanda to say, okay,
18
    now I need these three people's -- the rest of the --
    oh, there's one for $200,000, I'm not going to do that,
19
20
    but I have to do the top three because they're obviously
21
    reported on the 990. Everybody is going to see that.
22
    The auditor by default will look for that.
              Okay. So is Amanda Roberts assigned to
23
         Q.
24
    actually make sure the SOC 1 reports are getting sent to
25
    United Way?
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- A. Absolutely. Yes, absolutely.
- Q. All right. And did she have some
- 3 | difficulties?

- A. Yes, she had difficulties.
- Q. And what was the difficulty?
- A. The difficulty was that we could not get a SOC 1 report from DigitalNet.
 - Q. And who was Amanda Roberts trying to go through to get that SOC 1 report from DigitalNet?
- 10 A. I don't know, but she communicated
 11 significantly with Imran.
 - Q. All right. And to your knowledge, did

 DigitalNet ever, in the years that it was contracted

 with, ever provide a SOC 1 report to United Way?
 - A. No, they did not.
 - Q. So how did that happen? How could that have gone on for many years that DigitalNet never filed a SOC 1 report?
 - A. You know, hindsight is always 20/20. I think at that time you look at it saying, you know, do we have a strong enough internal person to give us assurances that everything is doing well. And so there was a high reliance on Imran's competency to saying we are relying on Imran to know that they have good internal controls and that's -- and so you make a decision that way and

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you waive it and saying, okay, we're going back and
1
    back; we're not getting this 990; this SOC 1 report, can
2
3
    we pass on it.
4
              And, you know, if you think about it, again,
5
    the auditors always get in trouble for this, but, you
6
    know, all the reports that we provided the auditors,
7
    there's one SOC 1 report missing; can they do a little
    bit more testing and pass on it and not write us up for
8
    a bad audit. But, yes, in hindsight, we should have
9
    insisted on that.
10
11
              All right. Last area.
         0.
12
              In approximately March of 2018 --
13
         Α.
              Yes.
14
              -- do you recall a phone conversation with
         Q.
15
    Dom Pallaria?
16
              Yes. Yes, I do.
         Α.
17
         Q.
              And do you recall whether you gave him any
18
    advice or suggestion about what to do?
19
              Yes, I do.
         Α.
20
         Q.
              And what did you suggest he do?
21
              So, you know, his call was telling me that
         Α.
22
    he -- that he had evidence that the organization -- that
    DigitalNet was a part of -- was owned by Mr. Imran.
23
24
    I said, you know, our accounting rules basically tells
25
    you, when you see a fraud, you go one level above your
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1
    immediate management, so I said to take it to that next
2
    level up. You know, I told him that I knew about the
3
    whistleblower policies at the United Way. So I gave him
4
    the options.
5
         Q.
              Okay. And so one level above for Dom Pallaria
6
    would have been who?
7
         Α.
              Would have been Rich Voccio.
8
         0.
              I'm sorry?
9
              Rich Voccio.
         Α.
10
              Rick -- Rich Voccio. Very good.
         Q.
11
              MR. DAVIS:
                         Nothing further. Thank you.
12
              THE COURT: I had something come up here.
13
    I've got to take a very short break. I promise it'll be
14
    five minutes or less.
15
         (Recess taken from 11:15 a.m. until 11:21 a.m.)
16
              THE COURT: All right. Let's resume.
17
              MR. AYER: Thank you.
18
                         CROSS-EXAMINATION
19
    BY MR. AYER:
20
         Q.
              Hi, Mr. Mazagonwalla.
21
         Α.
              Hi. Azim is fine.
22
         Q.
              Okay. I can do either.
23
         Α.
              Thank you.
24
              So prior to Mr. Alrai coming on to the United
         Q.
25
    Way, the United Way was not happy with the IT services
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they were receiving, right?
1
2
         Α.
              That's correct, yes.
              They were costing over $2 million a year?
3
         Ο.
4
         Α.
              The cost was high, yes.
              And it was about -- it was about 2 million a
5
         Q.
6
    year?
7
              That sounds right, yes.
         Α.
              And there were lots of complaints regarding
8
         Ο.
    the service?
9
10
              No, that -- I do not know about that, no, not
11
    completely.
12
         Ο.
            You gave an interview to the FBI earlier this
13
    year in about January regarding this case, right?
14
              Yes, that's approximate. I do not know the
         Α.
    exact month, but --
15
16
              So that was within the last year?
         0.
17
         Α.
              Yes.
18
              And they asked you about this case?
         Q.
19
             They did, yes.
         Α.
20
         Q.
              And they asked you about some background to
    the case?
21
22
         Α.
              Yes.
23
              I'm showing you a copy of the report from that
         Q.
24
    interview that you did. Can you read that?
25
         Α.
              Yes.
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1
               And it says --
         Q.
               Yeah.
2
         Α.
3
         0.
               Is that January 2019 and that's your name on
4
    the report?
         Α.
5
               Yes.
               And if you look at that report --
 6
         Q.
7
         Α.
              Applied to the United Way of --
               I'm -- I'll direct you, if I can, to --
8
         Ο.
9
               Sure, yeah, please.
         Α.
               -- to -- around here, where it states that:
10
         Q.
11
    Mazagonwalla advised that there were a lot of complaints
12
    regarding the service provided by that vendor.
13
               Do you see that?
14
               Yes.
         Α.
15
               Is that a statement that you gave to the FBI?
         Q.
16
         Α.
               Yes.
17
         Q.
               And you gave that statement to the FBI because
    it was true?
18
19
               That -- the issues are what the technology was
         Α.
20
    providing and what the service complaints were.
21
    a help desk piece -- so let's just -- I want to make
22
    sure I understand the question.
23
         Q.
               Okay.
24
         Α.
               I do not know -- well, yes.
25
         Q.
              All right.
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1
              THE COURT: No, no, no, no. Let him finish
2
    his answer. You can follow up.
3
              MR. AYER:
                          Okav.
4
         Α.
              There's one thing about how you saw technology
5
    and how you saw the service piece to our -- to our
6
    employees.
7
         Ο.
             Uh-huh.
8
         Α.
              My answer to you was more about the service to
    the employees piece of it --
9
10
         Q.
              Okay.
              -- which I don't know about.
11
         Α.
12
              In terms of the technology piece, in terms of
13
    how we had gone about with that technology -- technology
14
    procurement, there was complaints against that.
15
              Okay. So just to make sure we're talking
         Q.
16
    about the same thing, starting about here --
17
         Α.
              Yes.
18
         Q.
              -- to here --
19
         Α.
              Yeah.
20
         Q.
              -- you say: The IT vendor in place at the
21
    United Way during that time --
22
         Α.
              Yes.
23
              -- that time being prior to Mr. Alrai coming
         Q.
24
    on --
25
         Α.
              Yeah.
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1
               -- was costing almost $2 million a year.
         Q.
               That was true?
2
3
               That's true, yeah.
         Α.
4
         Q.
               "Mazagonwalla advised that there were a lot of
5
    complaints regarding the service provided by that
    vendor."
6
7
               True?
         Α.
               True.
8
               "And the fact that they had everything,
9
         Q.
    servers, being housed on-site at the United Way."
10
11
         Α.
               Yes.
12
         Q.
               True?
13
         Α.
               True.
14
               So there were complaints about the prior IT
         Q.
    vendor?
15
16
         Α.
               True.
17
         Q.
               And because of that, the United Way brought on
18
    Mr. Alrai to be the director of IT?
19
               It's more -- it's -- the -- the reason was
         Α.
20
    more about saying we need to move away from the
21
    technology infrastructure that we had to an
22
    infrastructure that is more -- that we can have more
23
    selection in terms of the vendor processing piece.
24
               So there's more about -- other than having
25
    in-built -- software built specifically for the United
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- 1 Way which it could market software, that would be --2 that's one of the reasons, yes. 3 Okay. But he was brought on as a result of 4 dissatisfaction with the current state of the IT at the 5 United Way? That would be appropriate, the current state 6 7 of IT and outside vendors. 8 And he was initially brought on as the IT Ο. director, right? 9 10 Α. Correct. 11 He wasn't brought on as the chief information 0. 12 officer or vice-president? 13 Α. Correct. 14 Q. That happened later. 15 That happened later. Α. 16 And when he came on, it was decided that the Ο. 17 United Way was going to go through an RFP process to 18 bring on a new outside vendor to provide services? That's correct. 19 Α. 20 Q. And your role during that RFP process was to 21 ensure that there were three bids being placed? 22 Α. Yes.
- Q. And to ensure that the internal process was
- A. Complied with, yes.

complied with?

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1
              You mentioned in your direct that you're not
         Q.
    an IT person, right?
2
3
              Correct.
         Α.
4
         Q.
              And you don't know a ton about IT in a way
5
    that would be necessary to assess these --
              Correct.
6
         Α.
7
         Q.
              -- responses?
               But there's two parts to an RFP, right?
8
    There's the substantive IT part, right?
9
         Α.
10
              Yeah.
11
              And then there's also the procedural part,
         Ο.
12
    which is are we following our own processes to make sure
    this happens --
13
14
         Α.
              Right.
               -- correct?
15
         Q.
16
              And the procedure for that is to ensure that a
17
    bid goes out?
18
         Α.
              Yeah.
19
              That responses are received, right?
         Q.
20
         Α.
              Correct.
21
         0.
              And, I'm sorry, we -- we told other witnesses
22
    about this, but you need to make sure you speak out loud
23
    because we're making a transcript of this.
24
              Okay. Thank you. I appreciate --
         Α.
25
         Q.
               I'm not trying to be picky.
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No, no. Please, that's fine. I don't mind.
1
         Α.
2
         Q.
               So you get the bids back --
3
         Α.
              Yes.
4
         Q.
              -- right?
5
         Α.
              Yeah.
               You need to make sure that the bids are from
 6
         Q.
7
    legitimate companies?
         Α.
              Yeah.
8
9
               You get sufficient bids back?
         Q.
10
         Α.
               Yes.
11
         Q.
               And you get appropriate bids back?
12
         Α.
               True.
               And that they're reviewed by the appropriate
13
         Q.
14
    people?
15
         Α.
               True.
16
         Q.
              And that's all procedural, right?
17
         Α.
              Correct.
18
              You don't need an IT background to assess that
         Q.
19
    procedure?
20
         Α.
               True.
21
         Q.
               And your job was to ensure that that procedure
    was followed?
22
23
         Α.
               True.
24
               And another person who should have been
         Q.
25
    involved in that procedure was Diane Dragoff, right?
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A. True.

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- Q. Her position should have been to collect the initial bids?
 - A. True.
 - Q. To have them come in directly to her or ensure that they came to her in some way?
- A. If you -- if you consider your staffing plan to include everybody in the group -- so it would be, as you said, Imran, myself, Diane -- you have to trust, in a staffing pattern, each other's competencies and rely on each other's competencies to get the right amount of work done.
- And in this case, you know, you rely on the competencies of Imran to basically be the point person.
- Q. Well, as we discussed, though, there's two parts to the RFP, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. There's trusting his technological knowledge,
 19 right?
- 20 A. Yeah.
- Q. But then there's also trusting everybody's knowledge of the procedures to appropriately do the RFP?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And Mr. Alrai, when this happened, was a relatively new employee, right?

- Mr. Alrai was for more than six months. I 1 2 think he'd already established some credibility for 3 himself. 4 Q. But he'd never gone through an RFP process 5 with the United Way? But he was experienced enough. I mean, he was 6 7 the senior director of IT. But he'd never done an RFP with the United 8 Ο. Way, right? 9 10 Not to my knowledge, no. Α. 11 Ο. But you had? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. And Diane Dragoff had? 14 Α. Yes. 15 And it was Diane Dragoff's job to collect the Q. 16 initial bids and then provide them to Mr. Alrai, 17 correct? You know, if you're thinking about a contract 18 Α. 19 for \$10,000 or \$20,000, it's very different. If you're
 - A. You know, if you're thinking about a contract for \$10,000 or \$20,000, it's very different. If you're thinking of a contract that's significantly higher, that's much more complex, you have to rely on the technical competencies of senior staff.
 - Q. Okay. So I want to go back to this interview with the FBI.
- 25 A. Sure.

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1
               This is page 2 of that. Do you see at the
         Q.
    top, January 3rd, 2019 --
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3
         Α.
              Yeah.
4
         Q.
              -- your name, 2 of 3?
5
               In the highlighted section here --
              Yeah.
 6
         Α.
7
         Q.
               -- you see that it states very clearly --
8
         Α.
              Yeah.
               -- "in retrospect, Mazagonwalla advised that
9
         Q.
    the way the bid process should have gone is that
10
    Dragoff, " misspelled, "collected the initial bids and
11
12
    then provided them to Alrai."
13
         Α.
              Yeah.
14
              All right. That's what you told the FBI?
         Q.
15
         Α.
              Yeah.
16
              Earlier this year?
         Q.
17
         Α.
              Yeah.
18
              And you told that to the FBI, because at the
         Q.
19
    time when you stated it, you believed it to be true?
              Yes. I -- and I still believe it to be true
20
21
    that Diane should have done it, but relying on Imran's
22
    skill is not something I would condone at that time or
23
    at this time. I mean, you -- you work in a group of
24
    technically competent people. You rely on each other.
25
         Q.
             Right.
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1 A. That's the way that --

to rely on your senior staff.

- 2 Q. And you rely on Imran --
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. -- for his technical, substantive expertise?
- 5 A. Yes.

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done?

- Q. And what you were saying here is you should
 have relied on Diane Dragoff for her procedural
 expertise in collecting the bids and ensuring they were
- A. Yes. But it also happens that, you know, if

 you -- if you look at the document that was provided in

 which we had the 15 vendors, right, the -- understanding

 of who the vendors are in a specialized field, you have
- 15 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. And Diane Dragoff, relying on that -- on that kind of list that was provided, right, earlier in this conversation, was, I think, appropriate.
- So Imran, following up that -- or Diane asking
 Imran to do that, I don't see anything wrong. Yes, it
 is, as I said, in that -- in that knowledge.
- 22 Q. Uh-huh.
- A. Diane also should have followed up on it, but relying on Imran is not something I -- I condone.
- 25 Q. But what you told the FBI in January was she

- 1 | should have collected the bids and given them to Imran.
- 2 A. Yeah. That would have been the right process,
- 3 right.

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- Q. And that wasn't followed?
- A. Yes, because she relied on Imran's competency.
- 6 All right?
 - Q. But nobody forced her to not follow it, right?
- A. Nobody forced her to not follow it. Not to my knowledge, no.
- Q. Just like nobody forced you to not personally view three bids to ensure that the three bids were received.
- 13 A. I was told that three bids were received.
- Q. And you could have had followed up on that, right? You could have demanded to see them?
 - A. There was a lot of things I could have done.
- Q. Okay. And you chose not to do that, right?
- A. But my -- my role was that of the compliance

 person, to make sure that -- there is no need for me

 to -- I mean, I don't understand why you feel that that

 is a need for me to look at all of the contracts that
- 22 come in.
- THE COURT: Well, what he thinks is not important; what you think is what we're trying to find out. Just tell him what you think.

THE WITNESS: Yeah. For me, looking at the -- on every document that I looked -- thank you, Judge.

Every document I looked at is a summary of the -- the summary followed process of doing it. I think looking at the summary statement is sufficient for me to know that underlying documents exist.

Q. Okay.

- A. I don't expect senior staff to have -- commit fraud and that does not -- that is not how -- who I am as a person. I mean, you work with people, you don't expect them to do that, do you? I don't.
- Q. Again, my point is nobody forced you not to look at the bids themselves, right? That's a decision you made on your own.
 - A. I wasn't forwarded the proposals and saying, here are the proposals for you to review. This was not sent to me as an email for me to review. All right? If somebody -- if you would have sent it to me to review and I didn't open my email, that's a different question. I was sent -- the document that I was sent I read.
 - O. Uh-huh.
- A. And the document that was sent reflected that three contracts were received.
- Q. And you considered that sufficient at the time?

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I considered that sufficient at that time,
1
         Α.
2
    yes.
3
              And that was a decision you made at the time
         0.
4
    without any -- you know, anybody telling you to make
5
    that decision; you made that on your own, right?
               I made that decision based on having three
6
7
    master's degrees, a CPA, and 15 years' experience.
8
              All right. And that's what led you to make
         Ο.
    that decision?
9
10
              That's what led me to make that decision.
         Α.
11
              And were you aware that at some point during
         0.
12
    this process Stan Burrows had said, you know, maybe this
13
    is going too fast or we should get more bids?
14
         Α.
              No.
15
              You were not made aware of that?
         Q.
16
         Α.
              No.
17
         Q.
              And you also discussed the invoicing process
    for paying things as they came up with --
18
19
              Yeah.
         Α.
20
         Q.
               -- DigitalNet, right?
21
         Α.
              Yeah.
22
              And your testimony was that Imran controlled
         Q.
23
    the whole invoicing process for DigitalNet?
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              MR. DAVIS: Objection.
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THE WITNESS: Yeah.

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              MR. AYER: I guess it misstates the evidence.
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              MR. DAVIS:
                          Yup.
3
              THE COURT: You know what, I've been saying
4
    this the whole trial. Maybe you guys can elucidate me.
5
              I'm not aware of a trial objection -- of a --
    that somebody misstated the evidence. I -- I am aware
6
7
    if someone doesn't have a good faith basis to advance a
                  That's different. But having a different
    proposition.
8
    interpretation of what the prior evidence is not that.
9
10
              So what do you really mean by that?
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              MR. DAVIS: I think the objection is assumes
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    facts not in evidence.
13
              THE COURT: Also not a trial objection.
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    doesn't have to accept any fact proposed to him.
15
    Neither do I, as the trier of fact. If it's not in
16
    evidence, all you've got to do is tell me, that that was
17
    not in evidence. But it's not objection to a question.
18
              MR. DAVIS: In this case, I don't think there
19
    was any testimony about Mr. Alrai controlling invoices.
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              THE COURT:
                          That's true. And if he wants to
21
    say, isn't it true, sir, that the Easter Bunny didn't
22
    really visit you last night, that's also not in evidence
23
    either and he can answer it. It's up to witnesses and
24
    the trier of fact to decide if facts are in evidence.
25
              It's not up to a -- it's not an evidentiary
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    objection. But you're free to point it out in your
2
    argument anytime you want and you're free to point it
3
    out when you do redirect, but it doesn't make his
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    question improper unless it's put forth in bad faith and
5
    I don't put that kind of question in that category.
    Different people have different views of the evidence.
6
7
              So it's well-taken, but I'm not going to
    sustain it.
8
9
              MR. DAVIS: Okay.
10
              THE COURT: Go ahead.
11
              All right. Is it your opinion that Mr. Alrai
         Ο.
12
    controlled the invoices from DigitalNet?
13
              No, I don't know.
         Α.
14
         Q.
              Okay.
15
         Α.
              No.
16
              And, I'm sorry. I thought you said something
         0.
17
    to that effect on direct.
18
              But the invoices from DigitalNet, to your
19
    knowledge, all went through the appropriate review
20
    process?
21
              So the -- so the way I view your question is
22
    very broad in the first question. But if you'd like --
    if you get back into how invoices were received, they
23
24
    were mostly received through Imran. And what would
25
    happen -- and I do not know how they were initially
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- 1 released or initially came into the office, but usually
- 2 | it would come out that -- where I would get approached
- 3 by either Sonia or by Domenic, saying, we need to pay
- 4 | this invoice. And usually Imran walks it over and says,
- 5 hey, this invoice has not been paid. I don't know how
- 6 | it was received.
- 7 Q. So there were several people involved in those
- 8 invoices and getting them paid?
- 9 A. Yes. So there's the accounts payable piece,
- 10 | which is Sonia's piece; and there was Domenic, who was
- 11 | basically overseeing Sonia; and then myself, who had the
- 12 | control over cash and cash invoices.
- Q. Okay. So you also reviewed the invoices?
- 14 A. I did not review the invoices. I was supposed
- 15 | to basically sign off on the final release of the
- 16 payment.
- Q. Okay. And then you're aware that Elaine
- 18 | Singer was also involved in handling the invoices from
- 19 | DigitalNet?
- 20 A. Not to my knowledge. It's just -- I think it
- 21 | was more clarification issues.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- A. But I do not know about Elaine Singer, no.
- MR. AYER: That's all I have, your Honor.
- 25 THE COURT: All right.

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              MR. DAVIS: No questions. Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
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              THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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              THE COURT: Thank you, sir.
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                       (Witness excused.)
              MS. LE: Good morning, your Honor. The
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    government calls Christine Bowry to the stand, please.
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              THE CLERK: Good morning. If you'd like to
    step this way, please. If you could step into the
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    witness box and remain standing.
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              Please raise your right hand.
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              CHRISTINE BOWRY, having been first duly sworn,
    testified as follows:
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              THE CLERK: For the record, please state your
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    full name and spell your last name.
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              THE WITNESS: My full name is Christine
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    Margaret Bowry, B as in boy, o-w-r-y.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MS. LE:
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         Q.
             Good morning, Ms. Bowry.
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             Good morning.
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              Ms. Bowry, where do you work?
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              I work for Citizens Bank in Riverside,
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    Rhode Island.
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- Q. How long have you been with Citizens Bank?
- 2 A. 19 years.

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- Q. And can you tell us a little bit about Citizens Bank on a very general level?
- A. So we are primarily in the New England and Midwest region. We're a \$164 billion asset company and ...
 - Q. That should be fine.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. Ms. Bowry, there's a microphone. You're a bit soft-spoken. We have a court reporter who's taking notes of this conversation and we're trying to create a record. Okay? So if you could just keep your voice up and speak into the microphone.
 - A. Will do. Thank you.
- 16 Q. Thank you very much.
- What is your current job title?
- A. I'm vice-president, a department manager, for ACH payment operations.
- Q. Okay. How many people do you manage?
- 21 A. I have 19.
- Q. What does your job as the ACH payment operations manager entail?
- A. It entails primarily dealing with electronic transactions, so processing incoming and outgoing

1 electronic payment instructions. 2 0. Thank you. How long has Citizens Bank been involved in 3 4 the ACH system? 5 Since the early '80s. And on a very general level, what is the ACH Ο. 6 7 system?

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- A. It's an automated clearinghouse. It interacts with other financial institutions throughout the company -- the country to transfer funds electronically.
- Q. Okay. And, again, on a general level, how are ACH transactions processed through the system?
 - A. Customers would create a NACHA-formatted file.

 NACHA is the National ACH Association. It's a specific format that can speak to any financial institution in the country.
- So our customers would be contracted. They would pass us their payment instructions and we would pass them on for further payment.
- Q. Okay. Who would you pass that information on to?
- A. We would pass it on to the Federal Reserve
 Bank or the Clearinghouse. Those are the two ACH
 operators.
- 25 Q. So either the Federal Reserve itself or the

- 1 ACH Clearinghouse, which is another organization, right?
 - A. That's correct.
- Q. Okay. In preparation for your testimony today, did you review Citizens Bank accounts for the United Way of Massachusetts Bay?
- A. Yes, I did.

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- Q. Okay. And did the United Way have ACH agreements with Citizens Bank?
 - A. Yes, they did.
- Q. And with those ACH agreements, what was the United Way of Massachusetts Bay able to do?
- 12 A. They were able to submit their payment 13 instructions to us.
 - Q. Okay. And did you review the ACH payments made from United Way's accounts at Citizens Bank to a Pentucket Bank account belonging to DigitalNet Technology Solutions, ending in 2684?
 - A. Yes, I did.
 - Q. Okay. And how were those ACH payments made by the United Way to Pentucket Bank processed by Citizens?
 - A. They were -- the payment instructions were sent to us two ways, one through an online banking portal, which we called Access Money Manager, and the second was a direct send or a direct transmission in the NACHA-formatted file.

- Q. Okay. And once your customer, United Way, submitted that information to you, what happened?
- A. We would collect the files and then prepare them to their financial destination. We would then, during a processing window, we would forward those on to the Federal Reserve, who would then do the same thing, batch process them and send them on to the receiving bank.
- 9 Q. And here your customer was in the Boston area.

 10 Where was the processing by Citizens Bank done?
 - A. In East Providence, Rhode Island.
 - Q. Okay. So what happens at the operations center in Rhode Island?
 - A. We would strip out any payments belonging to other Citizens Bank account holders and then we would then forward those on to the Federal Reserve in New Jersey, who would then kind of do the same thing; they would do a batch process and separate those transactions and pass them on to the receiving bank for posting.
 - Q. And did the receiving bank have to do anything to receive the funds that United Way was making to the -- to the payee?
- A. Well, they would receive the instructions on their incoming ACH file and they are required to post

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    them to the account based on the settlement date
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    instructed by the originator.
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              MS. LE: Thank you very much. Your Honor, the
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    government tenders the witness.
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              MR. AYER: No cross, your Honor.
              THE COURT: No cross?
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              MR. AYER: No cross.
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              THE COURT: You're excused. Thank you.
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                       (Witness excused.)
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              MR. HUNTER: The government calls Special
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    Agent Jill Laroe.
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              THE CLERK: Good morning. If you'd like to
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    step this way, please.
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              If you could step into the witness box and
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    remain standing.
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              THE WITNESS: Yes.
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              THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.
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              JILL LAROE, having been first duly sworn,
    testified as follows:
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              THE CLERK: For the record, please state your
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    full name and spell your last name.
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              THE WITNESS: Jill Laroe, L-a-r-o-e.
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              THE CLERK: Thank you. Please be seated.
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                        DIRECT EXAMINATION
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    BY MR. HUNTER:
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- Q. Good morning, Ms. Laroe.
- 2 A. Good morning.
- Q. As you can see, we have a court reporter in here, so just please speak clearly into the microphone and let's try not to talk over each other.
- 6 A. Okay.

- Q. I know that can be hard.
- 8 How are you employed, Ms. Laroe?
 - A. I am a special agent with the FBI.
- 10 Q. How long have you been an FBI special agent?
- 11 A. Since 2002.
- 12 Q. Could you briefly describe your job duties 13 from 2002 to present?
- A. I have been a special agent working criminal investigations to include drug trafficking, white-collar crime, crimes against children, basically every -- everything. I've been assigned to the Boston division and -- as well as the Lowell RA and the Bedford resident agency.
- Q. How long have you been in New Hampshire?
- 21 A. Approximately four years.
- Q. Four years. Were you ever involved in an investigation of Imran Alrai?
- 24 A. Yes, I was.
- 25 Q. How did that investigation begin?

That investigation began in December of 2017, 1 Α. based on source information that I received --2 3 Okav. And --Ο. 4 Α. -- of ---- what was the nature of that information? 5 Q. Large amounts of money was being --6 Α. 7 MR. AYER: I would object at this point to hearsay, your Honor. I'm not sure the nature of the 8 9 information. 10 THE COURT: It depends -- it depends how she explains it. 11 12 In other words, what was the nature of it, 13 what kind of -- what kind of -- go ahead, just -- just 14 ask. THE WITNESS: I received information that 15 16 large amounts of money was being transferred overseas. 17 Q. Okay. 18 And we began an investigation to determine Α. 19 what was happening. 20 Q. Okay. 21 THE COURT: So it's admitted to prove why they 22 started the investigation, not for its truth. 23 MR. AYER: That's what I was going to ask. I 24 don't know if I need to do a standing objection, but for

the future, just to use to explain what she did, but not

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    necessarily for its substantive truth.
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              THE COURT: Say that again.
              MR. AYER: I don't know if I need to do this
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    every time she talks about why she did the next step,
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    but we'd just ask your Honor as it comes in, if it does,
    to be used simply to explain her next step, if
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    necessary, but not --
              THE COURT: Yeah, I'm not -- I'm not dealing
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    with the next step. That's not what I -- that wasn't my
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    ruling. My ruling was it explains why they conducted an
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    investigation. It's not offered for its truth.
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              You can object as much as you want. Don't
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    worry about it. Don't feel like you're bothering me.
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    If you think it should not come in, object.
              Go ahead.
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              So what did you do after you received this
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    information about wire transfers?
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              We began to do an investigation and do open
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    source investigation and determine what was going on,
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    where the wire transfers were going, who was making the
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    wire transfers and so forth.
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              And so at this point did you believe there
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    were wire transfers coming from Pentucket Bank in
24
    New Hampshire to Pakistan?
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         Α.
             Yes, we did.
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- Q. And what did you do next in your investigation?
 - A. We talked to the U.S. Attorney's Office here in New Hampshire and coordinated with them in order to do -- to obtain investigative tools to further the investigation.
- Q. So the U.S. Attorney's office in New Hampshire opened a case and the investigation continued; is that it?
- 10 A. Yes, it did.

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- Q. And at some point did you -- how did this
 case -- how did the name Imran Alrai come up in your
 investigation?
- A. During the open source checks of the wire transfers, the company DigitalNet Technologies, Imran Alrai, and Munawar Chaudhary all came up.
 - Q. And from there did you determine whether or not Imran Alrai worked at United Way?
- A. During the open source checks, we determined
 that he also -- he worked at United Way and that
 DigitalNet had a -- one of the larger contracts at the
 United Way.
- Q. All right. Do you also see that on United
 Way's website?
- 25 A. Yes, you do.

- Q. Once you learned this information, what were your -- what were your next steps?
- A. We obtained -- we contacted the U.S.

 Attorney's Office and obtained some investigative tools,

 such as subpoenas and so forth, to determine the extent
 - Q. Employment and where the wires were going --

of where -- what was the employment and so forth.

A. Right.

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- Q. -- and that sort of thing?

 And did you ever reach out to United Way?
- 11 A. Not until after they had contacted the U.S.
 12 Attorney's Office in Boston.
 - Q. We'll get to that in a minute, but prior to the United Way contacting the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston, were there discussions about whether to reach out to United Way?
- 17 A. Yes, there were. We were -- we were trying to determine the best way to do that.
 - Q. And you wanted -- so before you reached out to United Way, what happened?
 - A. We -- I received a call from an FBI agent assigned to a white-collar squad down in Boston who had received a phone call from the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston.
- 25 Q. And from that phone call, was it your

- 1 impression that United Way had approached the Boston U.S. Attorney's Office? 2 3 Α. Yes. 4 Q. What happened next? Α. I spoke with the agent because the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston asked him to look into 6 7 DigitalNet and what the United Way had called them about and he noticed that I already had an investigation 8 opened, so he contacted me and put me in contact with 9 10 the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston. 11 Okay. Is this also sometimes known as 12 deconflicting a case? 1.3 Α. Yes, it is. 14 Is this a fairly common occurrence in federal Q. investigations? 15 16 Yes, it is. Α. 17 Ο. And so can you describe how the case was deconflicted? 18 19 I contacted the U.S. Attorney's Office here, Α. 20 and we contacted together the U.S. Attorney's Office 21 down in Boston who assisted us in coordinating with the 22 United Way to further our investigation.
 - So the case continued to be investigated in Q. New Hampshire?
- 25 Α. Yes, it did.

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All right. So from your conversations with
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    the Boston U.S. Attorney's Office, was it your
3
    understanding that they wanted to prosecute this case or
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    investigate it?
              No, it was not. It was because our case was
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    already opened and moving along.
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         Ο.
              All right. So when about was this that these
    conversations --
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         Α.
              This is late May.
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              Late May?
         Q.
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         Α.
              In 2018.
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         Q.
               2018. And so did you execute any search
    warrants in this case in June of 2018?
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             Yes, we did.
         Α.
              And when was that?
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         Q.
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              June 12th, 2018.
         Α.
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         Q.
              Did you execute a search warrant of the
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    defendant's home in Windham, New Hampshire?
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              Yes, we did.
         Α.
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         Q.
              And was that --
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              Ms. Sheff, could you put Government
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    Exhibit 882 on the screen? This is in evidence?
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              All right. So is this a photograph -- or what
    is this a photograph of?
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This is a photograph of 31 Lowell Road, which

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    was the offices for AISA Consulting.
              Okay. And what town is that in?
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              In Windham, New Hampshire.
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              MR. HUNTER: Okay. The next picture,
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    Ms. Sheff.
         Q. Is this another photograph of that same
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    building?
             Yes, it is.
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         Q. I think --
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              Oh, can you go back up, Ms. Sheff? Can you
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    zoom in on the sign? It's a little blurry, but --
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              It's hard to read. Does that say AISA
    Consulting?
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         A. Yes, it does.
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              I'm saying AISA, you're saying AISA, but we're
         Q.
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    referring to the name A-I-S-A; is that correct?
17
         Α.
             Yes.
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         Q.
             All right.
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              Next picture, Ms. Sheff.
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              What's this a picture of?
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              This is a picture of 9 Corliss Road in
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    Windham, New Hampshire.
23
             Okay. And that's Mr. Alrai's residence in
         Q.
24
    Windham?
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         A. Yes, it is.
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MR. HUNTER: Okay. Next photo, Ms. Sheff.
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    Can we zoom in on the top one?
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              So were you the supervisor of the search
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4
    warrant executed on Mr. Alrai's home?
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         A. Yes, I was the supervising agent at the
    residence.
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         Ο.
             And what was your role as the supervising
    agent?
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              I was -- my role was to coordinate the search,
9
    make sure that everything was being done -- logged
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    correctly, that items that were being seized were items
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    that we would want to be seized, that we weren't taking
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    unnecessary items, et cetera.
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             Okay. What are we -- what picture are we
         Q.
15
    looking at?
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              This is Mr. Alrai's home office with his
         Α.
17
    desktop computer.
18
              Okay. And is that an HP Envy computer?
         Q.
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         A. Yes, it is.
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         Q.
              Was that computer seized as part of the search
21
    warrant?
22
         Α.
             Yes, it was.
23
              And it looks like it's plugged into an
         Q.
    Ethernet cable there, doesn't it, potentially?
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Α.

Potentially.

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Okay. Next photo, please.
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         Q.
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              Is this the computer from another angle?
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              Yes, it is.
         Α.
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              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Next photo, please.
    next one down, Ms. Sheff, or, actually, go two down.
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    We'll go back to that one later. Yeah, could you just
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    zoom in on this, the bottom picture here.
              Is that a printer?
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         0.
             Yes, it is.
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         Α.
              And you've reviewed this photograph before,
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         Q.
11
    right?
12
         Α.
             Yes, I have.
13
         Q.
              Is that an HP OfficeJet 7500a printer?
14
              Yes, it is.
         Α.
15
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Can you go to the next
16
    photo, Ms. Sheff?
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              MS. SHEFF: The top one?
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              MR. HUNTER: I think there's one more. We'll
    just look through these. Maybe not. I guess the one of
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20
    the box here.
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         0.
             Okay. And is this a box of documents found in
22
    Mr. Alrai's home office?
23
         Α.
              Yes.
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Did you ever find a safe in Mr. Alrai's home?

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Q.

Α.

No, we did not.

- 1 If you had found a safe, would you have Q. 2 searched it? 3 Α. Yes, we would have. 4 Q. And have you reviewed documents found during the search of Mr. Alrai's home? 5 Yes, I have. 6 Α. 7 Did you find a number of documents addressed 0. to DigitalNet both with the -- an Andover address and/or 8 9 the Windham, New Hampshire, address? Yes, I did. 10 Α. 11 Did you find hard copy documents of wires from 0. 12 Pentucket Bank to Pakistan? 13 Α. Yes, I did. 14 Generally speaking, these business-related Q. documents, were these found in Mr. Alrai's home office? 15 16 Yes, they were. Α. 17 Q. Have you reviewed Government's Exhibit 842 to 882? 18 19 Yes, I have. Α. 20 Q. And I'm just making sure my numbers are right 21 here. 22 Or, actually, 882 is the search warrant 23 photographs we just looked at; is that right?
- 25 Q. So 842 to 881 --

Right.

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         Α.
              Yes.
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         Q.
              -- have you reviewed those?
              And are those documents that were found in the
3
4
    search of Mr. Alrai's home?
5
         Α.
              Yes, they were.
              And they've already been admitted into
 6
7
    evidence, so I just want to go through a few of them.
8
              Ms. Sheff, can you please put Exhibit 859 on
    the screen?
9
              MS. SHEFF: I'm sorry. I just need a second
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11
           The presentation is not working.
12
              MR. HUNTER: No problem.
13
              MS. SHEFF: It'll just take a second.
14
              THE COURT: Why don't we take a recess and let
    you get it straightened out.
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16
              MS. SHEFF: Okay. Sorry.
17
              THE COURT: What we'll do is we'll take a --
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    let's take about 15, we'll reconvene and go to one
19
    o'clock and then we'll recess for the day. It'll give
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    you a few seconds to get that straightened out.
21
         (Recess taken from 11:56 a.m. until 12:10 p.m.)
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              MR. HUNTER: Thank you, your Honor.
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              We have up on the screen Exhibit 859, now in
24
    evidence.
25
              Was this one of the documents found in
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Mr. Alrai's home?
1
              Yes, it was.
2
         Α.
              Okay. And this appears to be a limited
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         Ο.
4
    liability company application for registration for the
5
    Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Do you see that?
         Α.
 6
              Yes.
7
         Ο.
              What's the name of the company?
              DigitalNet Technology Solutions, LLC.
8
         Α.
9
              And the date of the organization in the
         Q.
    jurisdiction of Massachusetts, what date is that?
10
11
         Α.
              August 7th, 2012.
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              MR. HUNTER: Okay. And, Ms. Sheff, could you
    zoom in on number 5?
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              It says the business address of its principal
         Q.
15
    office; do you see that?
16
              Yes, I do.
         Α.
17
         Ο.
              What address is listed?
              31 Lowell Road, Suite 1, Windham,
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         Α.
19
    New Hampshire.
                            Ms. Sheff, could you unzoom --
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              MR. HUNTER:
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    zoom in on 6 and 7.
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         Ο.
             And it also lists a business address in the
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    principal of the Commonwealth. Is that the Commonwealth
24
    of Massachusetts?
25
         Α.
              Yes.
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- 1 And it lists -- what address does it list? Q. 2 Α. 300 Brickstone Square, Suite 201, and that's in Andover, Massachusetts. 3 4 Q. You're familiar with the evidence in this case, aren't you, Ms. Laroe? 5 6 Α. Yes. 7 Q. Is that the address given on the DigitalNet invoices? 8 9 Α. Yes. And then there's also the name and business 10 Q. 11 address, if different from the principal office 12 location, of each manager. Do you see that? 13 Α. Yes. 14 Who's listed as the manager and what's his Q. address? 15 16 Α. Munawar Chaudhary, 31 Lowell Road, Suite 1, 17 Windham, New Hampshire. 18 MR. HUNTER: Go to the next page, Ms. Sheff. 19 We also see Mr. Chaudhary's name listed up Q. 20 here. 21 Α. Yes. 22 Q. Do you see that? 23 Α. Yes.

- 24 And this is not an executed form; is that Q.
- 25 correct?

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         A. Correct.
             So there's no signatures on this form?
2
         Q.
3
         Α.
              Correct.
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              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, can you pull up
5
    Exhibit 858.
              THE COURT: Forgive me for being dense here or
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7
    missing a detail. Munawar is Mohammad Chaudhary, no?
    Is that the same person?
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              MR. HUNTER: Munawar Chaudhary is the
9
    defendant's father, your Honor.
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11
              THE COURT: Right. And what about Mohammad
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    Chaudhary? He's on the defense witness list. Is it the
    same person?
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              MR. HUNTER: So we spoke with defense counsel
    about that. It's the same person. His middle name --
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16
              THE COURT: Is it the same person?
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              MR. HUNTER: The person on the defense witness
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    list is the same person, yes, your Honor.
19
              THE COURT: Thanks.
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              MR. HUNTER: Sorry.
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              THE COURT: No problem.
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              MR. HARRINGTON: I'm sorry, too. I just
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    didn't understand the question. That's why I wasn't
24
    responding.
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              THE COURT: No problem.
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1 Go ahead. Is this another document found in the 2 Ο. 3 defendant's home? 4 Α. Yes. 5 Q. And it's sent to DigitalNet in Windham; do you 6 see that? 7 Α. Yes. 8 0. And it appears to be providing a notice to DigitalNet regarding corporate filings? 9 Α. 10 Yes. 11 MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, can you please 12 put on Exhibit 850. 13 Q. Okay. Is this another document you found in 14 Mr. Alrai's home? Yes, it is. 15 Α. 16 And this appears to be a contract that has 17 some writing on it, Professional Services Agreement. 18 Ms. Sheff, can you zoom in on the top of that, 19 please. 20 Can you just read the first paragraph? 21 "This professional services agreement, the 22 agreement, is by and between DigitalNet, a Delaware 23 corporation, with offices located at 300 Brickstone

Square, Suite 201, Andover, Mass., 01810, the service

provider or DigitalNet, and United Way of Massachusetts

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    Bay, Inc., doing business as United Way of Massachusetts
    Bay and Merrimack Valley, doing business as United Way
2
    of the Greater Seacoast, United Way, located at
3
4
    51 Sleeper Street, Boston, Mass., 02210.
         Q.
              Thank you.
              Ms. Sheff, could you scroll down through this
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    document, please.
              MS. SHEFF: Scroll down?
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              MR. HUNTER: Yes, to the next page and kind of
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    go through the pages here.
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11
             And here we have a signature page. We can see
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    that it's signed by Patricia Latimore --
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         Α.
             Yes.
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             -- do you see that?
         Q.
15
              There's not yet a signature from DigitalNet
16
    Technologies. Do you see that?
17
         Α.
              Yes.
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              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, can you please put
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    Exhibit 844 on the screen.
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         Q.
              This is another document found in Mr. Alrai's
21
    home?
22
         Α.
              Yes.
              Do you see the date of that is July 14th,
23
         Q.
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    2016?
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         Α.
              Yes.
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              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you just zoom
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    in -- or -- on this part.
              Okay. And who is it addressed to?
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         0.
 4
              THE COURT: To whom it may concern.
5
         Α.
              To whom it may concern.
              Okay. Sorry. And then the address is
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         Q.
7
    DigitalNet in Andover. Do you see that?
8
         Α.
              Yes.
              And then could you just read the body of the
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         Q.
    letter?
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11
         Α.
              "This letter is to verify that DigitalNet
12
    Technology Solutions, LLC, has been an active customer
13
    in good standing with Pentucket Bank.
14
              "DigitalNet Technology Solutions, LLC, has
15
    multiple open and active deposit accounts with us and
16
    has no outstanding debts.
17
              "If you have any inquiries regarding this
18
    company, please contact us at 978-372-7731."
19
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, would you please pull
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    up Exhibit 855.
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              THE COURT: Wait a minute. Who's that signed
22
    by?
              MR. HUNTER: Can you go back?
23
24
              MS. SHEFF: 850, you said?
25
              MR. HUNTER: Yes, to 844.
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1
              MS. SHEFF: 844?
              THE COURT: Okay. Thanks.
2
3
              MR. HUNTER: Just a moment, your Honor.
4
              Could you -- Ms. Sheff, could you pull up -- I
    believe it's 641. Actually, try 640. Okay. I think
5
    this one --
6
7
         Q. So this, Special Agent Laroe, is an email sent
    from Mac Chaudhary to Jack Rotondi at United Way. Do
8
    you see that?
9
10
         Α.
             Yes.
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you go down to
11
12
    the attachments.
13
         Q.
              Okay. This appears to be a July 14, 2016,
    letter from Pentucket Bank --
14
15
         Α.
             Yes.
16
             -- regarding DigitalNet?
         Q.
17
              Thank you.
18
              Ms. Sheff, could you please pull up
19
    Exhibit 855.
20
              This appears to be a similar kind of letter.
21
    Do you see that?
22
         Α.
             Yes.
23
              But dated February 27th, 2013?
         Q.
24
         Α.
             Yes.
25
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, can you pull up -- I
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1
    believe it's 611 -- actually, 613, Exhibit 613.
         Q. Okay. And could you go down, scroll through
2
    the -- it's going to be in the attachments, so toward --
3
4
    a little further.
5
              Okay. Do we see here is a letter dated
    February 27th, 2013?
6
7
         Α.
             Yes.
              And this is a document saying -- it appears to
         Ο.
8
    be the same document you found in Mr. Alrai's home in
9
    Windham; is that correct?
10
11
         Α.
             Yes.
12
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, can you please pull up
13
    854?
14
              MS. SHEFF: Excuse me?
15
              MR. HUNTER: 854, please.
16
              Okay. This is a -- and what's the date of
         Q.
17
    this letter?
              July 18th, 2016.
18
         Α.
19
              And who does it purport to be from?
         Q.
20
         Α.
              Mac Chaudhary.
21
         Q.
              And is this on DigitalNet Technologies
22
    letterhead?
23
             Yes, it is.
         Α.
24
              And the address down below, is that the
         Q.
25
    Andover, Massachusetts, address of DigitalNet?
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1
             Yes, it is.
         Α.
2
         0.
              This is a document you found in Mr. Alrai's
    home office in Windham?
3
4
         A. Yes, it is.
5
         Q.
              Okay. Thank you.
              And can -- Ms. Sheff, can you zoom in on the
6
7
    body of the letter, please.
              Can you just read the --
8
9
              THE COURT: Let's not do that anymore.
              MR. HUNTER: Okay.
10
11
              THE COURT: You blow up what you want me to
12
    read, I'll read it.
13
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Understood, your Honor.
14
              THE COURT: Just give me a second.
15
              All right.
16
              MR. HUNTER: Thank you.
17
              And, Ms. Sheff, could you put 640 back on the
18
    screen, please.
19
              Okay. This is the email we were looking at
         Q.
20
    before from Mac Chaudhary to Jack Rotondi --
21
         Α.
             Yes.
22
             -- can you see that?
         Q.
23
              Ms. Sheff, can you go down further in the
24
    email to the attachments? The next one, please. Could
25
    you -- oh, up one.
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Okay. And could you just zoom in on the
1
2
    content of that letter for the Court. And this is Bates
    04788, for the record.
3
              THE COURT: So it's another letter from Mac
4
5
    Chaudhary describing DigitalNet.
             Appears to be the same financial attestation
6
         Q.
7
    letter. Do you see that?
8
         Α.
             Yes.
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could we please pull
9
    up Exhibit 853.
10
11
              THE COURT: They're letters from the banks --
12
    from the bank. Are there -- will there be any
13
    evidence -- are you presenting any evidence that those
14
    are not authentic bank letters, that they're not really
15
    written by the purported authors or is the point just
16
    that you found them where you found them?
17
              MR. HUNTER: The point is we found them where
    we found them, your Honor.
18
19
              THE COURT: Thank you.
20
              MR. HUNTER: Can you pull up 853, please,
21
    Ms. Sheff.
22
         Q. All right. Is this a DigitalNet -- does this
    appear to be a DigitalNet employee profile?
23
24
         A. Yes, it does.
25
             Can you read the employee name, please?
         Q.
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1 Nadeem Yousuf. Α. And where's the location? 2 0. 3 Α. Windham, New Hampshire. 4 MR. HUNTER: All right. Could you just scroll 5 through the document, please, Ms. Sheff. And this, again, was found in Mr. Alrai's home 6 Q. 7 in Windham? 8 Α. Yes. 9 MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you please pull up 862. 10 11 Is this another DigitalNet employee profile? Q. 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. And what's the employee name? 14 Mohamad Wahbe. Α. And there's a K in the middle of that? 15 Q. 16 Yes, there is. Α. 17 Q. From your knowledge of the investigation, do you know what K stands for? 18 19 Kal. Α. 20 Q. And it also lists location? Windham, New Hampshire. 21 Α. 22 MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you please 23 scroll through that? 24 MS. SHEFF: It's just one page.

MR. HUNTER: Oh, just one page. Thank you.

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1
              And 864, 864 -- oh, that is 864. Can you
2
    scroll down? I may have -- all right. You can -- you
    can take that off the screen. I didn't mean to pull
3
4
    that one up.
5
              Could you please pull up Exhibit 849, please,
    Ms. Sheff.
6
7
         Ο.
            Okay. Is this another document found in the
    defendant's home in Windham, New Hampshire?
8
9
         A. Yes.
             And can you just --
10
         Q.
11
              Ms. Sheff, can you just zoom in on the top
12
    part of the agreement here for the Court to read?
13
              Does it say it's an agreement from August 17,
14
    2012?
15
         Α.
              Yes.
16
             All right. Between United Way and DigitalNet;
         Ο.
17
    do you see that?
18
         Α.
             Yes.
19
              All right. You can take that off the screen.
         Q.
20
              And then down below, could you zoom in on the
21
    signature block?
22
              Signed by Patricia Latimore for the client.
23
    Do you see that?
24
            Yes.
         Α.
25
         Q.
             And who's signing for the DigitalNet
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1
    representative?
2
         Α.
              Munawar Ahmad.
              Ahmad, A-h-m-a-d?
3
         0.
4
         Α.
              Yes.
5
         Q.
              As VP of business development --
 6
         Α.
             Yes.
7
         Q.
              -- do you see that?
              All right. You can take that off the screen.
8
              Ms. Sheff, could you please put Exhibit 842 on
9
    the screen and then scroll down to page 31.
10
11
              Okay. I just want to zoom in on this UW part
12
    of the screen. So that date is 5/1/17. Do you see
13
    that?
14
         Α.
             Yes.
15
              Okay. And it lists IT support, has a number,
         Q.
16
    and then add, and another number. Do you see that?
17
         Α.
              Yes.
18
              It looks like a number crossed out and a
         Q.
    little lower number is put in. Do you see that?
19
20
         Α.
              Yes.
21
         Ο.
              Same with Vo -- VoIP int, same thing, a
22
    number, then add, and then there's another number that's
23
    been adjusted a little bit. Do you see that?
24
             Yes, I do.
         Α.
25
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, can you unzoom
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- 79 1 and just go to this thing on the bottom here. And we have -- looks like remaining -- capital 2 remaining, digital CapEx, and various numbers. Do you 3 4 see that? A. Yes, I do. MR. HUNTER: Okay. You can take that off the 6 7 screen, Ms. Sheff. Q. And do you -- if you're aware from your time 8 in the investigation, is May close to the end of the 9 10 fiscal year at United Way? 11 Yes, it is. Α. 12 MR. HUNTER: All right. You can take that off 13 the screen, Ms. Sheff. 14 Could you please put Exhibit 880 on the screen, Ms. Sheff? Okay. Scroll through to the next 15 16 page. 17 Q. Okay. What is this, Agent Laroe? 18 It is a wire transfer request form. Α. 19 Okay. And we see a customer signature? Q. 20 Α. Yes. 21 Q. But no customer name is printed there yet, 22 right? No, there's not. Α.
- 23
- 24 All right. And where's the wire going to and Q. 25 where is it coming from?

- A. It is going to Lahore, Pakistan, and it is coming from DigitalNet Technology Solutions.
 - Q. This is the Andover address?
 - A. The Andover address.
- Q. And this is a wire transfer form found in
- 6 Mr. Alrai's home office in Windham?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could you scroll down,
- 9 Ms. Sheff?

3

- 10 Q. And the remaining pages of this are other
- 11 | foreign wire transfer forms. Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes.
- MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you please put
- 14 Exhibit 881 on the screen?
- Q. Okay. And we're not going to go through all
- 16 of these, but are these other Pentucket Bank wire
- 17 transfer forms?
- 18 A. Yes, they are.
- 19 Q. Also transferring wire and money to Pakistan?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Keep scrolling. We'll just scroll through
- 22 | them, just so we can see.
- 23 All right. And so we can see sometimes
- 24 | Mac Chaudhary is handwritten, sometimes it's typed. Do
- 25 | you see that, Agent Laroe?

- 1 It looks like it's all handwritten. Α. 2 Q. Okay. 3 THE COURT: Sometimes it's printed and 4 sometimes it's printed by a different --5 MR. HUNTER: Yeah. 6 Α. Right. 7 THE COURT: There are clearly two different hand writers writing the name, although signing the 8 9 name, it looks quite similar. 10 MR. HUNTER: Yes. 11 THE COURT: Do you have any evidence on that 12 signature? Yes or no is fine. Do you have any evidence 13 on that signature, who wrote it? 14 MR. HUNTER: Yes, we will have some evidence 15 on that. 16 THE COURT: I see. Okay. 17 MR. HUNTER: All right. All right, Ms. Sheff, 18 could you please put 878 on the screen. 19 Okay. So, again, this is a -- who is this Q. 20 addressed to? 21 It is addressed to DigitalNet Technology 22 Solutions. 23 Okay. Addressed to the Andover location? Q.
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. And, again, this was found in Mr. Alrai's home

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1
    in Windham?
2
         Α.
              Yes.
              All right. Can you please read the -- or zoom
 3
         0.
4
    in on the first paragraph and could you just read
    starting "we have been retained."
5
              "We have been retained by Robert Allen in
 6
         Α.
7
    order to investigate potential claims of fraud,
    misrepresentation, and breach of contract against
8
    DigitalNet Technology Solutions, LLC, DigitalNet, and
9
10
    its constituents.
              "Specifically our client has reason to believe
11
12
    that DigitalNet and its constituents acted in bad faith
13
    by intentionally misrepresenting DigitalNet's
14
    professional capabilities related to the website
15
    development project."
16
              MR. HUNTER: You can take that off the screen,
17
    Ms. Sheff.
18
              And then the letter goes on to explain issues
         0.
19
    that Robert Allen was purporting to have with
    DigitalNet. Do you see that?
20
21
         Α.
              Yes.
22
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. So, actually, could you
23
    zoom in on the top two paragraphs -- the two body
24
    paragraphs here.
25
              Could you read the first -- I'll defer to the
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Court's reference if the Court would rather read these
1
2
    paragraphs or have the witness read them.
3
              THE COURT: Give me a second.
 4
              I get the gist.
5
              MR. HUNTER: All right.
              You can take that down, Ms. Sheff.
 6
7
              I'll just direct -- just one -- one sentence
         Q.
    down here where we just have -- actually, never mind.
8
9
              Can you pull up Exhibit 845, please.
              Okay. This is a letter addressed to Mohamad
10
11
    Wahbe. Do you see that?
12
         Α.
              Yes.
13
         Q.
              And, again, this was found in Mr. Alrai's
14
    home?
15
         Α.
              Yes.
16
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. That's enough, Ms. Sheff.
17
    You can pull that down.
              And Exhibit 876.
18
19
              Okay. This appears to be some handwritten
         Q.
20
    notes. Do you see that?
21
         Α.
              Yes.
              And does this say at the top, "app," it looks
22
         Q.
23
    like it might say UltPult or something like that?
24
         Α.
              Yes.
25
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. If you could scroll
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1
    through this document, please, Ms. Sheff. Okay. You
    can take that off the screen.
2
3
              Could you please put Exhibit 860 on the
4
    screen?
5
         Q.
              This is a -- what -- does this appear to be a
    corporate document from the state of New Hampshire
6
7
    Department of State?
             Yes, it does.
8
         Α.
              Okay. Could you scroll to the next page,
9
         Q.
    Ms. Sheff.
10
11
              Okay. Here we have AISA Consulting Group.
12
              Can you zoom in on the name of owners, and can
13
    you read the name of owners, please, Ms. Laroe?
14
              Imran Alrai, manager.
         Α.
15
              Okay. And that's of AISA Consulting Group,
         Q.
16
    LLC?
17
         Α.
             Yes.
18
             And what address is provided?
         Q.
19
              31 Lowell Road, Suite 1, Windham,
         Α.
20
    New Hampshire.
21
         0.
             And that's the office that we saw the picture
22
    of earlier, the --
23
         Α.
             Correct.
24
              All right. Did you execute a search warrant
         Q.
25
    of that location?
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1 Yes, we did. Α. 2 0. And did you find any evidence of AISA doing 3 business there? 4 Α. No, we did not. 5 Q. Any evidence of DigitalNet doing business there? 6 7 Α. No, we did not. MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, can you bring 8 that down? Can you zoom in on the signature line? 9 10 It says, must be signed by all owners, and Q. 11 there's a signature there. 12 Do you see that? 13 Α. Yes, I do. 14 And then it says, print or type name. What Q. 15 does that say? 16 AISA Consulting Group, LLC, Imran Alrai, Α. 17 manager. MR. HUNTER: Thank you. You can take that 18 19 down, Ms. Sheff. 20 Keep scrolling through. 21 THE COURT: Let me just ask --22 MR. HUNTER: Yup. 23 THE COURT: The -- the signature looks 24 somewhat similar to the signature that was -- I can't

tell, actually. I'll have to look at the paper.

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1
              MR. HUNTER: Okay.
              THE COURT: I don't want to interrupt you.
2
3
              MR. HUNTER: No, no problem, your Honor.
 4
              Keep scrolling down, Ms. Sheff.
 5
              Okay. Stop here for a moment.
              So this is a -- could you just read the top
6
         Q.
7
    line here, Ms. Laroe?
              Which --
8
         Α.
              That certificate of formation.
9
         Q.
              "Certificate of formation, New Hampshire
10
         Α.
11
    limited liability company."
12
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Thank you. You can take
13
    that down, Ms. Sheff.
14
              And can you read -- actually, just zoom in on
         Q.
15
    this block here, please, Ms. Sheff.
16
              And. Ms. Laroe, can you just read that,
17
    please?
18
              The name of the limited liability company is
         Α.
19
    UltPult, LLC. The nature of the primary business or
20
    purposes are multimedia, 2D/3D animation, CGI and video
    game development and production.
21
22
              The name of the limited liability company's
23
    registered agent is Imran Alrai and the street address,
24
    town, city, including zip code and post office box, if
25
    any, of its registered officers, agents, business
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1
    address, 31 Lowell Road, Suite 1, Windham,
2
    New Hampshire.
              Okav. And that's the same address we've seen
3
         Ο.
4
    on other documents addressed to both DigitalNet and
    AISA; is that correct?
5
         Α.
6
             Correct.
7
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could you keep scrolling
    through, Ms. Sheff.
8
9
              And, again, we have another signature here.
         Q.
    Do you see that? It says Imran Alrai, manager.
10
11
         Α.
              Yes.
12
              MR. HUNTER: Keep scrolling through. All
13
    right. That's good for that document, Ms. Sheff.
14
              Could we please put Exhibit 845 on the screen?
15
              MS. SHEFF: Excuse me?
16
              MR. HUNTER: 845. All right. I already put
17
    that one up.
              846.
18
19
              Okay. So this is a letter, an insurance
         Q.
    letter, and who is it addressed to?
20
21
         Α.
              DigitalNet Technology Solutions, 31 Lowell
22
    Road, Unit 1, Windham, New Hampshire.
23
              MR. HUNTER: Go to the next page, Ms. Sheff.
24
              Okay. And could you go to Exhibit 870,
25
    please?
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1
              Okay. And so here we have a letter addressed
         Q.
2
    to Mohammad. Do you see that?
3
         Α.
              Yes.
 4
         Q.
              And at what address is it --
5
         Α.
              DigitalNet Technology Solutions, 31 Lowell
    Road, Suite 1, Windham, New Hampshire.
6
7
         0.
              Okay. And actually, Ms. Sheff, can you just
    go to page 2 of 845?
8
9
              MS. SHEFF: 845.
10
              MR. HUNTER: Yes, please.
11
              Okay. Could you please put -- bring up --
              THE COURT: I can read that fine.
12
13
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Thank you.
14
              THE COURT: Where do you want me to look?
                                                           Do
    you want me to read just the four names?
15
16
              MR. HUNTER:
                           That's fine, your Honor.
17
              THE COURT: Okay.
18
              MR. HUNTER: All right.
19
              Ms. Sheff, could you please pull up 861.
20
         Q.
              Okay. And, again, we see a letter addressed
21
    to DigitalNet in Windham. Do you see that?
22
         Α.
              Yes.
23
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could you scroll down?
24
              And, again, this is a -- it appears to be an
         Q.
25
    insurance statement?
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1
         Α.
             Yes.
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Keep scrolling down,
2
    please. All right. Ms. Sheff, could you please bring
3
4
    up 872.
5
         Q. Okay. Again, another certificate of liability
    insurance; do you see that?
6
7
         Α.
             Yes.
             To DigitalNet in Windham, New Hampshire?
8
         Q.
9
         Α.
             Yes.
10
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Next page.
11
              And here's another one for AISA Consulting,
         0.
12
    LLC, in Windham, New Hampshire?
13
         Α.
              Yes.
14
              MR. HUNTER: All right. Could you please put
    Exhibit 848 on the screen?
15
16
              Okay. And this is a letter from Bank of
         0.
17
    America addressed --
18
              And can you zoom in on the address, please?
19
              Who is this addressed to?
20
              THE COURT: The defendant at DigitalNet in
21
    Windham.
22
              MR. HUNTER: Thank you.
23
              All right. Could you please put Exhibit 869
24
    on the screen?
25
              Okay. Can you zoom in on the title of this
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1
    document, Ms. Sheff, the application.
2
         0.
              Can you read that, Ms. Laroe?
3
              "Application for professional liability errors
         Α.
4
    and omissions insurance."
5
         Q.
              Thank you.
              And can just -- and now the name of the
 6
7
    applicant. I'm sorry, Ms. Sheff. Can you zoom in on
    the name of the applicant?
8
9
              THE COURT: DigitalNet.
              All right. DigitalNet in Andover.
10
         Q.
11
              And do you see the nature of the services?
12
         Α.
              Yes.
13
         Q.
              And it's IT services, infrastructure, hosting,
14
    that sort of thing; is that right?
15
         Α.
              Yes.
16
              MR. HUNTER: All right. You can take that
17
    off.
18
              All right. And could you go to the next page,
19
    please, Ms. Sheff.
20
              All right. Could you go zoom in on number 9,
21
    please, "year established."
22
              THE COURT: Let me ask a question.
23
              MR. HUNTER: Yes, your Honor.
24
              THE COURT: These exhibits that were seized
25
    pursuant to a search warrant, are other witnesses in the
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1
    case going to testify about them as well or is this
2
    going to be my sort of one and only look?
3
              MR. HUNTER: This is -- yes, this will be your
4
    one and only look, your Honor.
5
              THE COURT: Okay. Proceed.
              MR. HUNTER: That's why we're going through
6
7
    it.
              THE COURT: Proceed.
8
9
              MR. HUNTER: Other than potentially in
    closing.
10
11
              THE COURT: Of course, of course.
12
         Q.
              "Year established," can you read that please,
13
    Ms. Laroe?
14
             2012.
        Α.
              MR. HUNTER: Thank you. Could you take that
15
16
    down?
17
              Okay. Could you zoom in on the employees
18
    here?
19
        Q. All right. So the first one is M. Ahmad
20
    Chaudhary?
21
         Α.
             Yes.
22
         Q.
             And the defendant's father's name is Munawar
23
    Ahmad Chaudhary; is that correct?
24
         A. Correct.
25
         Q.
             All right. And his professional
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1
    qualifications, it says seasoned manager. Do you see
2
    that?
3
         Α.
               Yes.
4
         Q.
               And that he's been in practice for 27 years?
5
         Α.
               Yes.
               And principal or partner for 15 months.
 6
         Q.
7
               Do you see that?
               Yes.
8
         Α.
9
               And then who else is listed here?
         Q.
               Kal Wahbe, Nadeem Yousef, Idir Gherbi, and
10
         Α.
    Ahmad Hassan.
11
12
         Ο.
              Ahmad Hassan. Okay. Thank you.
13
               Then here we have some customers listed.
                                                           So
14
    we have United Way, right?
15
         Α.
               Yes.
16
         Ο.
              And we see Robert Allen Group?
17
         Α.
              Yes.
              And then it looks like these are two
18
         Q.
19
    companies, Lahore Real Estate and Rahim Clinic?
20
         Α.
               Yes.
21
         Q.
               Do you see that?
22
               Are any of these companies Barneys in
23
    New York?
24
         Α.
               No.
25
         Q.
              Or AISA?
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1
         Α.
              No.
2
         Q.
              Or Abilities in New York?
3
         Α.
              No.
4
         Q.
              And let's look at the amount of money here.
               So United Way -- and, again, this is -- we've
5
6
    got IT managed services, 230,000, 2013, do you see that?
7
         Α.
               Yes.
              Robert Allen, 120,000, 2013. Do you see that?
8
         0.
9
         Α.
              Yes.
10
               So the Rahim Clinic IT consulting, 19,500 in
         Q.
11
    2012. Do you see that?
12
         Α.
               Yes, I do.
13
         Q.
              And Lahore Real Estate IT, risk assessment,
14
    5,500 bucks. Do you see that?
15
         Α.
              Yes, I do.
16
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Keep scrolling.
17
         Q.
              And then can you see down here, does it say
18
    estimated cost of goods sold for current fiscal period?
19
         Α.
              Yes, I do.
20
         Q.
              And what's noted here in the margin?
21
         Α.
              New business.
22
         Q.
              Thank you.
23
              Keep going.
24
              And here we've got a couple signatures,
25
    A. Hassan; do you see that?
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1
         Α.
              Yes.
              That's sort of distinctive block writing.
2
         Q.
3
    you see that?
4
         Α.
              Yes.
              7/31/2013?
5
         Q.
 6
         Α.
              Yes.
7
         Ο.
              And here we have another signature. Does that
8
    look similar to the one on the wires, if you can tell?
9
    It's fine if you can't.
         Α.
              I --
10
11
         Ο.
              That's fine.
12
              And, for the record, Ms. Laroe indicated she
1.3
    didn't want to indicate.
14
              And it says vice-president?
              Yes.
15
         Α.
16
         Ο.
               Signed 9/3/13, do you see that?
17
              THE COURT: It's your interpretation that it
18
    looks similar to the signature on the lines right there,
19
    right?
20
              MR. HUNTER:
                            That's what I was attempting to
    elicit and Ms. Laroe did not testify to that.
21
22
               THE COURT: I heard. You're representing that
23
    it is.
24
              MR. HUNTER: Yes.
25
              THE COURT: All right.
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So you said you executed a search warrant for 1 Q. AISA in Windham; is that correct? 2 3 Correct. Α. 4 Q. Did you execute a search warrant for down in Andover? 5 No, we did not. 6 Α. 7 Q. Why is that? We did not have reason to believe there would Α. 8 be any -- anything there. 9 10 You didn't have evidence that business was Q. conducted in that location? 11 12 Α. Correct. 13 Q. Or reason to believe --14 Reason to believe. Α. 15 -- based on -- and what was that based on? Q. 16 Based on investigative steps that we had done, Α. 17 we had served them with a subpoena, we had served Regus 18 with a subpoena. 19 MR. AYER: Same objection, your Honor. That's 20 used to explain why they didn't, but --21 THE COURT: I want to make sure I understand. 22 You didn't have reason to believe business was 23 conducted there because investigative steps we had done, 24 we served them with a subpoena --25 What's your objection?

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1
              MR. AYER: Oh, just that here for the hearsay
2
    purpose, that there was no reason to believe that there
3
    was any business there. We ask that it not be allowed
4
    in simply to explain why they did not execute a search
5
    warrant.
              THE COURT: What's the hearsay?
 6
7
              MR. AYER: That they had information external
    to what we're hearing here. She didn't say that it was
8
9
    from her own personal knowledge.
10
              THE COURT: She said, "We tried to serve a
11
    subpoena, " I quess is what you're saying, right?
12
              THE WITNESS: Yes.
13
              THE COURT: What are you saying anyway?
14
    Because I don't understand why you wouldn't think
15
    business was conducted there.
16
              THE WITNESS: We served a subpoena on Regus.
17
    They provided information that they received mail there
18
    and had use of a conference room, but did not maintain
19
    an office there.
20
              THE COURT: All right. Yeah, that is hearsay.
21
              So it's not offered for its truth, but it is
22
    offered to explain why you'd do a search there.
23
              MR. HUNTER: Yes, your Honor. That is why --
24
              THE COURT: That's sustained.
25
              MR. HUNTER: And I was eliciting it for the
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1
    purpose of why they didn't execute a search warrant,
    your Honor.
2
3
              THE COURT: That's the purpose for which it
4
    was admitted.
5
         Q.
              Okay. Ms. Laroe, were you involved in the
    preparation of a chart summarizing the badge swipe data
6
7
    and emails sent from the address info@digitalnet.us?
              Yes, I was.
8
         Α.
              Okay. And as part of preparing that chart,
9
         Q.
    did you review the badge swipe data provided by United
10
11
    Way in this case?
12
         Α.
              Yes, I did.
13
         Q.
              This was the badge swipe data of Mr. Alrai
14
    entering the United Way offices in Boston?
15
         Α.
              Yes.
16
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could we put that
17
    document on the screen and I'll get you an exhibit
18
    number shortly.
19
              MS. SHEFF: It's 925.
20
              MR. HUNTER: 407, please.
21
              MS. SHEFF: Oh, 407?
22
              MR. HUNTER: Yup.
23
              MS. SHEFF:
                           Sorry.
24
              Is this the bad swipe data that you reviewed?
         Q.
25
         Α.
              Yes, it is.
```

```
1
         Q.
              Thank you.
              And did you also review emails sent --
2
3
    received from United Way sent from info@digitalnet.us?
4
         Α.
              Yes, I did.
 5
         Q.
              Okay. And did you determine the number of
    emails chart -- the number of emails sent from
6
7
    info@digitalnet.us while Imran was swiped in at United
8
    Way?
9
              Yes.
         Α.
10
         Q.
              How many?
               I would have to review.
11
         Α.
12
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, could you
13
    please put the chart on the screen, which is in evidence
14
    at 925.
15
              All right. So is this a summary chart that
         Q.
16
    you assisted in preparing?
17
         Α.
              Yes, it is.
18
              Okay. So how many emails sent from
         Q.
19
    info@digitalnet.us were sent while Mr. Alrai was swiped
20
    in at United Way?
21
         Α.
              None.
22
              Based on your review of the badge swipe data
         Q.
23
    what was the average number of days per month that
24
    Mr. Alrai was swiped in to work from April 2015 to
25
    May 2018?
```

- A. Five and a half days.
- Q. And just to be clear, this is badge swipe
- 3 | data, so you don't have a video camera of Mr. Alrai
- 4 | being on premises.

1

- 5 A. Correct.
- Q. It's just the days that his badge swiped in to
- 7 | work; is that right?
 - A. Correct.
- 9 Q. All right. And the average number of days his
- 10 | badge swiped in at United Way in 2015 beginning in
- 11 | April, what -- how many was that?
- 12 A. 6.9.
- Q. And for 2016, the average number of days per
- 14 | month that Mr. Alrai swiped in at United Way in Boston?
- 15 A. 6.6.
- 16 Q. And for 2017, the average number of days
- 17 | Mr. Alrai's badge swiped in at United Way?
- 18 A. 4.3.
- 19 Q. And then the average number of days
- 20 | Mr. Alrai's badge swiped in at United Way in 2018?
- 21 THE COURT: You've got to slow down.
- MR. HUNTER: Sorry.
- Q. The average number of days Mr. Alrai's badge
- 24 | swiped in at United Way 2018 -- through May of 2018?
- 25 A. 3.4.

```
1
              Okay. And Mr. Alrai was suspended from
         Q.
    employment on June 12th, 2018; is that right?
2
3
         Α.
              Correct.
4
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could we go to the next
5
    page, Ms. Sheff.
              All right. So here we have a chart; is that
6
         Q.
7
    right?
         Α.
              Correct.
8
9
              And this is summarizing the email -- wire
         Q.
    fraud emails charged in Counts 1 through 18 compared
10
    against the badge swipe data received from United Way;
11
12
    is that correct?
13
         Α.
              Yes.
14
              Okay. And so the -- so just starting at the
         Q.
15
    beginning, do we see Mr. Alrai swiped in on 5/5 and 5/7
16
    of 2015?
17
         Α.
              Yes.
              And this is the time of his first swipe-in on
18
         Q.
19
    each of those days; is that right?
20
         Α.
               Yes.
21
         0.
              Because -- in your review of the badge swipe
22
    data, did you -- on most of the days, in fact, nearly
23
    all of them, did Mr. Alrai swipe in or did his badge
24
    register a swipe-in on multiple times -- at multiple
25
    times?
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```
1
         Α.
              Yes.
              And at multiple locations?
2
         Q.
3
         Α.
              Yes.
4
         Q.
              And is it your understanding that there were
5
    multiple areas to swipe in in the United Way building?
6
         Α.
              Yes.
7
         Q.
              Okay. And then here we have 5/11/2015 at
    10:17 p.m., an email from Mohammad, info@digitalnet.us.
8
9
    Do you see that?
10
         Α.
              Yes.
11
         Ο.
              Okay. Is this the email charged in Count 1?
12
         Α.
              Yes, it is.
13
         Q.
              Okay. Now it says it's from IP address
14
    75.68.37.59. Do you see that?
15
         Α.
              Yes, I do.
16
              THE COURT: You've got to slow down.
17
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Thank you, your Honor. I
18
    will.
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff --
19
20
              THE COURT: I do appreciate you trying to move
21
    along. I know that's what you're doing and I'm
22
    grateful, but you've got to be reasonable.
23
              MR. HUNTER: I understand. I will slow down.
24
              Could you please put Exhibit 101a on the
25
    screen, please, Ms. Sheff.
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```
1
              Okay. Could you scroll down, please.
              Okay. Is this that email?
2
         Q.
3
              Yes, it is.
         Α.
4
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could you scroll down?
              And is this header information from that
5
         Q.
6
    email?
7
         Α.
             Yes, it is.
              Okay. We'll be having testimony later about
8
         0.
    what header information is; is that correct?
9
         Α.
             Correct.
10
11
         Ο.
             Do you understand that? Okay.
12
              Could you go up, Ms. Sheff?
13
              And could you just read the X-originating-IP
14
    of that email.
              75.68.37.59.
15
         Α.
16
         Ο.
              Okay. All right.
17
              THE COURT: Well, I guess I'll hear later what
18
    the header information is, but what is -- what's your
19
    representation about what this header information is
20
    supposed to signify?
              MR. HUNTER: So the header information shows
21
22
    the IP address from which the email was sent. That's
23
    what the X-originating-IP is. And I anticipate --
24
              THE COURT: Are you going to say it's the
25
    defendant's computer and not Mohammad's?
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1
              MR. HUNTER: It's going to be the defendant's
2
    home computer that we saw in his home office, your
3
    Honor, is what I anticipate.
              THE COURT: I'll wait to hear that evidence.
4
5
    Thank you.
6
              MR. HUNTER: Thank you.
7
              All right. And could you scroll down, please,
    Ms. Sheff. Continue down.
8
9
         A. Okay.
10
             And we see two invoices are attached?
         Q.
11
         Α.
             Yes.
12
         Ο.
             Were PDFs of those invoices found on the
13
    defendant's home computer?
14
         A. Yes, they were.
15
              MR. HUNTER: All right. Ms. Sheff, could you
16
    go back to the summary chart, 925.
17
         Ο.
             All right. And so here we have more summaries
18
    of badge swipe data. Do you see that, from 5/12/2015 to
    6/9/2015?
19
20
         Α.
             Yes, I do.
21
         Ο.
              And then 6/15/2015 at 10:52 p.m., there's
22
    another email. Do you see that?
23
         Α.
             Yes, I do.
24
              MR. HUNTER: And, Ms. Sheff, could you pull up
25
    102a.
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```
1
               Is this a similar email with header
         Q.
2
    information?
3
         Α.
              Yes, it is.
4
              MR. HUNTER: Could you scroll down, please.
              And is this that email?
5
         Q.
              Yes, it is.
6
         Α.
7
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Keep scrolling down.
              We see the same X-originating-IP?
8
         Q.
9
         Α.
              Yes.
10
              MR. HUNTER: Can you please continue
11
    scrolling.
12
         Q.
               It's attaching another invoice?
13
              Yes.
         Α.
14
              Okay. Thank you.
         Q.
              Can you go back, Ms. Sheff, to 925.
15
16
              All right. So we see there's another swipe-in
    on 6/16/2015 at 9:29 a.m.; is that correct?
17
18
         Α.
              Correct.
19
              And that's followed by a 6/19/2015 email?
         Q.
20
              Correct.
         Α.
21
         Q.
              And that's the email charged in Count 3; is
    that right?
22
23
         Α.
              Yes.
24
               For the superseding indictment?
         Q.
25
         Α.
              Yes.
```

```
1
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Could we please put up
    Exhibit 103a, Ms. Sheff.
2
3
              Okay. Is this that email?
4
         Α.
              Yes.
              Okay. So this is the email. And it has the
5
         Q.
    same X-originating-IP information, is that correct,
6
    Ms. Laroe?
7
         Α.
              Correct.
8
9
              And it -- and does this email also attach an
         Q.
    invoice?
10
11
         Α.
              Yes, it does.
12
         Ο.
              And was a PDF of that invoice found on
    Mr. Alrai's home computer in Windham?
13
14
         Α.
              Yes.
15
              Could we go to -- back to 925, please.
         Q.
16
               So we were just talking about the 6/19 email.
17
    On the next page we see a 6/22/2015 email that charges
18
    Count 4 in the superseding indictment, Ms. Laroe?
19
         Α.
              Yes.
20
         Q.
              And is this the -- the same where it had
21
    the same X-originating-IP and it was attaching two
    DigitalNet invoices?
22
23
         Α.
              Yes.
24
              And those invoices were found on the
         Q.
25
    defendant's home computer in Windham?
```

```
1
         Α.
              Yes.
2
         Q.
              Okay. So that -- the date of that email is
    6/22 --
3
4
              Actually, Ms. Sheff, could we pull that up,
    104? I guess we can pull up 104a, just so we can see
5
6
    the date.
7
              Okay. So that's June 22, 2015. Do you see
    that?
8
9
         A. Yes, I do.
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. And, Ms. Sheff, could we
10
11
    put the chart back up, page 3 of the summary chart.
12
         Ο.
              Okay. So that -- that was the email that we
    saw 6/22/2015. When did Mr. Alrai last -- next swipe in
13
14
    to work?
15
         Α.
             On June 23rd, 2015.
16
         Ο.
             Okay. And that's at 9:33 a.m.?
17
         Α.
             Yes.
18
              Okay. And it looks like the last swipe-in was
         Q.
19
    6/23/15 at 12:04 p.m. That's around noon?
20
         Α.
              Yes.
21
         Ο.
              And there's no swipe-out data, right? So we
22
    don't know exactly from this when Mr. Alrai left; is
    that correct?
23
24
         A. Correct.
25
         Q.
             Okay. But the next charged email is sent
```

```
1
    6/23, so a day Mr. Alrai did swipe in to work. Do you
    see that?
2
3
         Α.
              Yes.
4
         Q.
              What time was it sent?
         Α.
5
              At 10:31 p.m.
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, can you please put
 6
7
    105a on the screen, please.
8
              Okay. Okay. It looks like there was -- so
         Ο.
    this says 7:30 p.m. with PDT. Do you see that?
9
         Α.
10
              Yes.
              That's Pacific time. So that would be the
11
         Ο.
12
    time difference between 10:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
13
              Ms. Sheff, could you please put Exhibit 105 on
14
    the screen, please.
15
              Okay. And this is -- this is -- you can see
16
    it down below. It has the UWY2 Bates number.
17
              So this is the email received from United Way?
18
         Α.
              Yes.
19
              And it has the 10:31 p.m. time?
         Q.
20
         Α.
              Correct.
21
         0.
              Again, this is an email purporting to be from
22
    Mohammad attaching two DigitalNet invoices?
23
         Α.
              Yes.
24
              And so between 12:04 p.m. and 10:31 p.m.,
         Q.
25
    that's -- what was that, one, two, three, four, five,
```

```
1
    six, seven, eight, nine, ten -- ten hours?
2
         Α.
              Yes.
3
              MR. HUNTER: All right. Could you please go
4
    back to Exhibit 925, Ms. Sheff, page 2 or 3.
             Okay. So it looks like Mr. Alrai's badge
5
         Q.
    swiped in again on 6/24/2015 at 10:29 a.m. Do you see
6
7
    that?
              Yes, I do.
8
         Α.
              Okay. And the next charged email 6/29/2015,
9
         Q.
    at 7:10 p.m., do you see that?
10
11
         Α.
              Yes, I do.
12
         Q.
              And, again, that's for Count 6 --
13
         Α.
             Yes.
14
              -- charged in the superseding indictment?
         Q.
15
         Α.
              Yes.
16
              Was a PDF of the invoice sent in this email
         0.
    found on Mr. Alrai's home computer?
17
18
         Α.
             Yes, it was.
19
              That's the Envy desktop, the HP Envy desktop
         Q.
20
    that we saw pictures of on his desk in Windham?
21
         Α.
              Yes.
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. And, for the record, the
22
23
    exhibits corresponding to that would be 106, 106a and
24
    106b.
25
         Q.
             And we see another string of badge swipe
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1
    entrances or it looks like Mr. Alrai's badge swiped in
2
    on 6/30/2015?
3
         Α.
              Correct.
4
         Q.
              And then it goes through a few days and then
    7/29/2015. Do you see that?
5
6
         Α.
              Yes, I do.
7
              And then there are no badge swipe-ins between
         Q.
    7/29 and the next info email; is that right?
8
9
         Α.
              Correct.
10
              Okay. So this is the email corresponding to
         Q.
    Count 7; is that right?
11
12
         Α.
             Correct.
13
         Q.
              Sent on August 12th, 2015?
14
              Yes.
         Α.
15
              And, again, from Mohammad from the same
         Q.
16
    originating IP, 75.68.37.59; is that right?
17
         Α.
              Yes.
18
              And attaching a DigitalNet services proposal;
         Q.
19
    is that right?
20
         Α.
              Yes.
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could we put 107 on
21
22
    the screen, please.
23
              Okay. Could you scroll down?
24
               DigitalNet Services Proposal, is this -- this
25
    is the document. Could you just scroll through this
```

```
1
    document, Ms. Sheff?
2
              Thank you.
              Were PDF and Word documents of this services
3
         0.
4
    proposal found on Mr. Alrai's home computer in Windham?
              Yes, there were.
5
         Α.
              Okay. And another email was sent on
6
         Q.
7
    August 12th.
8
              Could we go to page 4 of the chart.
               Is that this email here?
9
10
         Α.
              Yes.
              And, again, Mr. Alrai did not swipe in at
11
         Ο.
12
    United Way on 8/12/2015; is that right?
13
              That is correct.
         Α.
14
              And this is an email attaching PDFs of
         Q.
    invoices?
15
16
         Α.
             Yes.
17
         Q.
              And this email was charged in Count 8?
18
         Α.
              Correct.
19
              With the same originating IP address as
         Q.
    75.68.37.59; is that right?
20
21
         Α.
              That is correct.
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. Ms. Sheff, could we please
22
23
    bring up 108.
24
              Could you scroll through this?
              PDFs of these invoices were found on
25
         Q.
```

```
1
    Mr. Alrai's home computer; is that right?
         Α.
2
              Correct.
3
              MR. HUNTER: Okay. If we could go back to the
4
    chart, please, Ms. Sheff, page 4.
5
         Q.
              Okay. So the email -- this email was sent on
6
    8/12 and it looks like Mr. Alrai swiped in the next day,
7
    on 8/13?
         Α.
8
              Yes.
              And we have a few other entries and then the
9
         Q.
    last swipe in is 8/25. Do you see that?
10
11
         Α.
              Correct.
12
         Q.
              So August 25, 2015, 9:59 a.m.?
13
              Yes.
         Α.
14
              Okay. And then the next email sent from
         Q.
15
    Mohammad at info@digitalnet from our IP address of
16
    57.68.37.59 was on --
17
              THE REPORTER: Excuse me.
18
              MR. HUNTER: Oh, sorry. Sorry.
19
              THE REPORTER: Start again, please.
20
         Q.
              So the next email -- when was the next email
21
    sent from info@digitalnet?
22
         Α.
              When were they sent?
23
         Q.
              Right.
24
              August 27th, 2015.
         Α.
25
         Q.
              And this is -- is this the e-mail that
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```
1
    corresponds to Count 9 in the superseding indictment?
2
              Yes, it is.
         Α.
3
              Okay. So let's take a look here.
         Ο.
4
              So the email is sent at 10:06 a.m. Do you see
    that?
5
6
             Yes, I do.
         Α.
7
         Q.
              And Mr. Alrai's badge did swipe in at United
    Way in Boston that day; do you see that?
8
9
              Yes, I do.
         Α.
              What time was the first swipe-in for
10
         Q.
    Mr. Alrai?
11
12
         A. 1:25 p.m.
13
              So around three and a half hours, roughly?
         Q.
14
         Α.
              Yes.
15
              MR. HUNTER: And, Ms. Sheff, could you bring
16
    up the email at 109, please.
              This is the email?
17
         Ο.
18
             Yes, it is.
         Α.
19
         Q.
             Sent at 10:06 a.m.?
20
         Α.
              Yes.
21
              MR. HUNTER: Could we scroll down to see the
22
    attachments?
23
              So here we see this is a track changes -- a
         Q.
24
    Word document with track changes. Do you see that?
25
         Α.
              Yes.
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1
              MR. HUNTER: Ms. Sheff, could you zoom in on
2
    these comments -- go up to the top, the comments.
3
              This is attached to an email from Mohammad at
         0.
4
    info@digitalnet?
5
         Α.
              Yes.
              Okay. So here we have a comment from JR1.
         Q.
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                                                           Do
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    you see that?
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         Α.
              Yes.
              And could you just read that comment, please.
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         Q.
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              "Why has this clause been removed? We need
         Α.
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    this information to ensure that the vendor has done
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    comparable work for other clients. It is a
1.3
    reasonable" --
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              THE COURT: Hold it. When you read, you have
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    to really slow down for the reporter.
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              THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry.
              THE COURT: How about if I do it.
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              THE WITNESS: Okay.
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              THE COURT: JR1 says: Why has this clause
    been removed? We need this information to ensure that
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    the vendor has done comparable work for other clients.
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    It is a reasonable request. Just because we have worked
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    with DigitalNet in the past does not mean we know with
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    clarity what work they have done in this arena.
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              Their response -- no, it's another comment
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    from admin: We merged the sections and it doesn't fit
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    there anymore. We can provide any references that you
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    need.
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              That's actually an answer -- the -- the tan
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    response is to the purple comment.
              Is that the inference you want me to draw?
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              MR. HUNTER: Yes. Yes, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Do you want me to read the one
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    below?
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              MR. HUNTER: Yes, please.
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              THE COURT: The comment: Permitted
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    subcontractor language is standard stuff; why was it
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    removed.
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              And the answer: We can't be bound by this in
    a contract. We hire contract workers and use
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    subcontractors as a regular part of our business.
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              I assume the admin response -- your position
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    is they came from the defendant?
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              MR. HUNTER: Yes, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: And who's making the purple
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    comments?
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              MR. HUNTER: Jack Rotondi, your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Ah, okay. He testified. All
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    right.
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              MR. HUNTER: And I see that we're at 1:00 p.m.
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              THE COURT: Yeah, it's time to go.
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              MR. HUNTER: Okay.
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              THE COURT: Unfortunately, I have a
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    commitment.
              All right then. You're excused for the
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    weekend. No conversation with trial counsel over the
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    weekend. You'll be back on the stand Monday morning at
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    9:00 a.m.
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              THE WITNESS: Okay.
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              THE COURT: Thank you, Agent.
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              THE WITNESS:
                             Thank you.
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              THE COURT: This is off the record.
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                   (Off-the-record discussion.)
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              THE COURT: Thank you.
        (Proceedings adjourned for the day at 1:01 p.m.)
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